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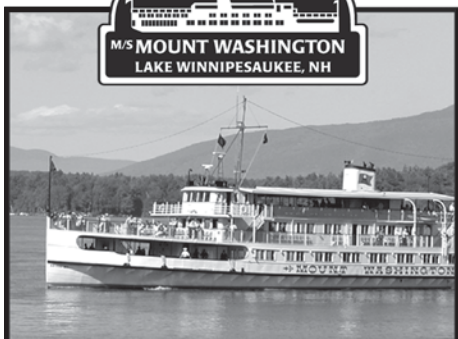
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### Not a tax on all



The wonderful summer weather we have experienced over the last couple of weeks brings to mind that classic melody by George Gershwin: "Summertime, and the livin' is easy...." I doubt that the lyrics capture the times we live in today. I thought the end to the fiscal year would bring some relief with the end of the combative legislative session in Concord, but no sooner did that occur than the political landscape heated up (no pun intended) on the federal level.

My sense is that, this being a presidential election year, everything is embellished to the point that little of what you hear about in the media has much credibility. The aftermath of the controversial decision by the U.S. Supreme Court on the Affordable Health Care Act is a prime example. All of a sudden, we have countless Constitution experts expressing their dismay and contradicting the recent Supreme Court decision. The political party that clearly stated that its top priority is to see that the incumbent president is a one-term president, not surprisingly, has now made this its rallying cry for the presidential election. The individual mandate, the allegedly onerous part of the law, is now seen as another "tax" on the public, creating angst among the opposition. Little is said about to whom this applies, specifically, those who *can* afford to pay for health care but would rather have the rest of us pick up their tab in our health insurance costs. Why should people *not* be assessed for shifting the costs of their illnesses and medical emergencies on to the rest of us? There are many in our society who, for reasons ranging from poverty to extreme misfortunes of life, are unable to shoulder the cost of health insurance, and fortunately we have Medicaid and Medicare to assist them. One would think that awareness of the Affordable Health Care Act and what it means to individuals would defuse the arguments against it, such as the thousands of people who will now have access to affordable healthcare insurance. In Massachusetts, where an essentially identical health care law was implemented several years ago under a governor who is currently the presumed presidential candidate of the Republican Party, the necessity to assess (some would say tax) those who have elected not to have health insurance is something less than one percent. Listening to some politicians and commentators, who make a living of making bombastic statements, would lead you to believe that we are all subject to a new tax. In the contemporary language of the day, "Give me a break!"

I doubt I am the only one with such feelings. Perhaps it is time to think back to the simpler life when the lyrics of that summer classic did make sense. "Summertime, and the livin' is easy; fish are jumpin', and the cotton is high; Oh, Your daddy's rich, and your mamma's good lookin', So hush little baby, Don't you cry." Ah, for the good olde days!

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## News in Brief

• **No more National Grid:** Liberty Utilities officially took over National Grid's natural gas and electric businesses in New Hampshire last week. The \$285 million deal, which was almost 18 months in the making, hands 87,000 natural gas and 43,000 electric customers over to Liberty Utilities. "We're very excited about it," said Victor Del Vecchio, president of Liberty Utilities East. "We're going to be returning to a local focus, with increased customer care and responsiveness." Del Vecchio said customers will continue to enjoy the same safe and reliable service they've grown accustomed to. There will be no disruption in service. The deal will create 60 new full-time jobs and will return many jobs to New Hampshire that had been located elsewhere. About 85 percent of the current employees from National Grid will stay on with Liberty Utilities, Del Vecchio said. Liberty Utilities will be constructing a series of walk-in customer service centers during the next 18 months. "They're going to get a different kind of culture in terms of care and responsiveness," Del Vecchio said. "When they do call back the customer care office, that person can look out the window and tell if it's snowing or not snowing."

Del Vecchio said there had been an occasional disconnect in the past when customers called customer care representatives. That's changing. He said Liberty will continue to administer energy-efficiency programs. He's hoping the company can collaborate with local agencies. "We hope to be a more caring organization," Del Vecchio said. "It's upward and onward," Del Vecchio added. The final state and federal regulatory approvals needed to complete the transaction were granted this past May. The sale was originally announced in December 2010. Liberty will continue to maintain natural gas operations facilities in Nashua, Manchester and Tilton. Liberty Utilities' electric customers are located in 21 communities in the western and southern areas of the state with operations facilities in Salem and Lebanon. Visit [www.LibertyUtilities.com](http://www.LibertyUtilities.com).

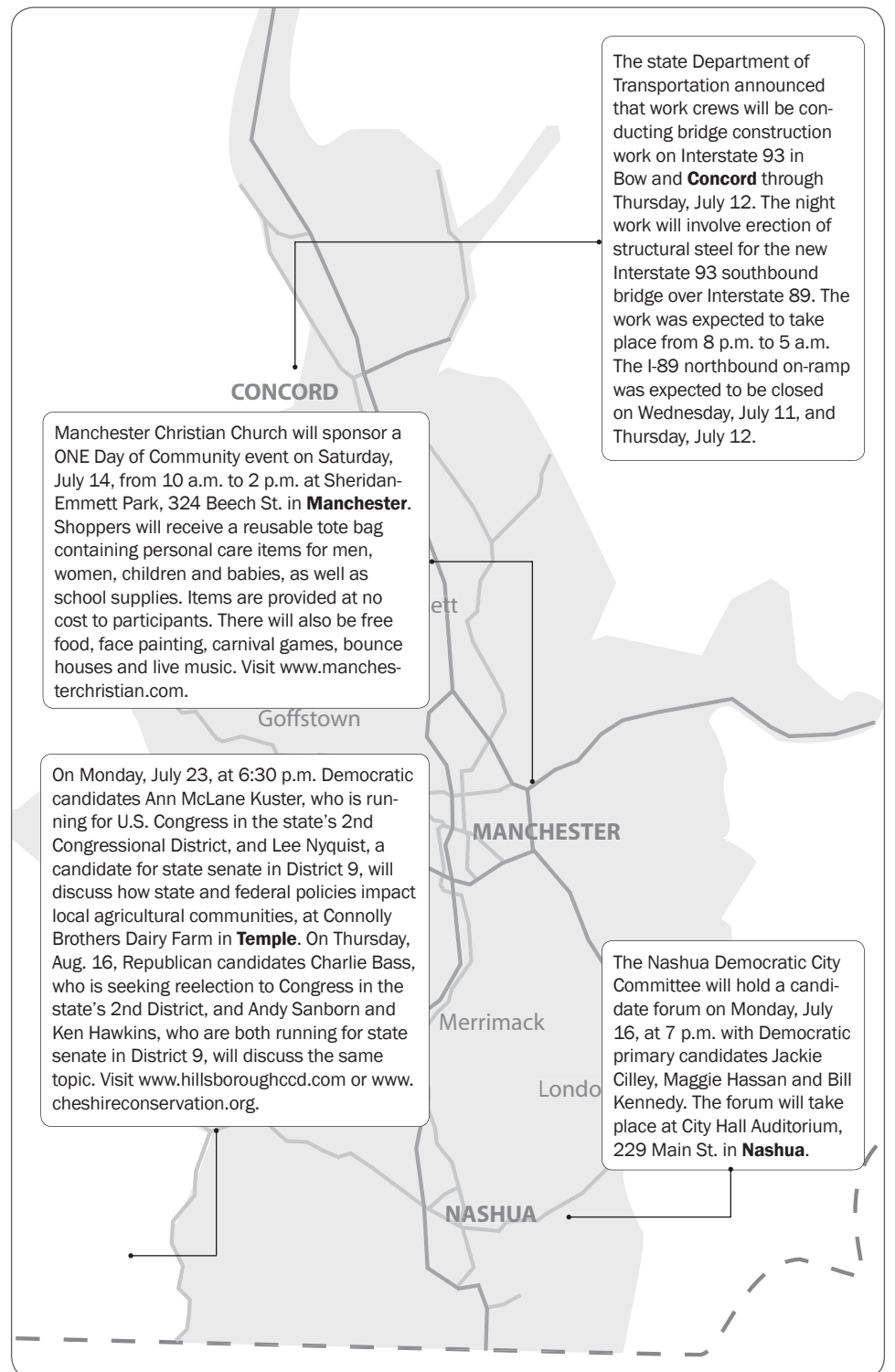
• **Humphrey endorses Lamontagne:** GOP gubernatorial candidate Ovide Lamontagne picked up the endorsement of former U.S. Senator Gordon Humphrey. Lamontagne is running against Kevin Smith in the Republican primary. "Ovide is a conservative champion and a defender of freedom and liberty, whose honor and integrity are well known," Humphrey said in a statement. "After years of lagging leadership in Concord, Ovide is the kind of tell it like it is leader that New Hampshire voters are searching for." Humphrey served as senator from 1979 to 1990 and was the GOP nominee for governor in 2000 when he lost to incumbent Jeanne Shaheen. Humphrey ran again in 2002, but he lost in the primary to Craig Benson.

• **Voter ID law passes:** Gov. John Lynch decided not to sign House Bill 1354 and it became law without his signature. The measure was passed to address the affidavit requirement in the recently passed

voter identification law. The voter identification law, as initially passed, required voters without photo identification to provide a qualified voter affidavit. House Bill 1354 changes the affidavit to a challenged voter affidavit. A challenged voter affidavit requires people to attest to their name, residence and voter eligibility, while a qualified form requires place and date of birth as well. "It's disappointing the governor didn't have the wisdom to sign this good bill into law," House Speaker William O'Brien, R-Mont Vernon. "He said he had issues with voter ID, we fixed them, and he still chose not to show his support."

• **House Speaker forms retirement plan committee:** House Speaker William O'Brien, R-Mont Vernon, announced last week the members of a Special Committee on Defined Contribution Retirement Plans for Public Employees. The committee will research and make recommendations on the transition from the current defined benefit plan applicable to public employees to a defined employer contribution plan for all new state employee hires. The committee is authorized to issue requests for proposals and information from potential vendors, to study proposals received and to recommend legislation. The members are Rep. Will Smith, R-New Castle, Chairman; Rep. Neal Kurk, R-Weare; Rep. David Hess, R-Hooksett; Rep. Carol McGuire, R-Epsom; Rep. Spec Bowers, R-Georges Mills; Rep. Greg Hill, R-Northfield; Rep. Tom Keane, R-Bow; Rep. Steve Winter, R-Newbury; Rep. David Campbell, D-Nashua; Rep. Robert Foose, D-New London; and Rep. Steve Shurtleff, D-Penacook. "The New Hampshire retirement system has an estimated unfunded pension liability of \$3.7 billion and another \$1.5 billion in other unfunded post-employment benefits," O'Brien said in a statement. "The current level of benefits for public employees is unsustainable and taxpayers just can't foot the bill in this recessionary climate."

• **Racers need aid:** Race organizers are looking for teams who would be interested in adopting an aid station at the upcoming Trail Marathon and Ultra Marathon at Bear Brook State Park on Saturday, July 21. The event will include four aid stations where volunteers and race workers will help runners fill water bottles, motivate runners and make sure the table stays full of treats for runners. The Ultra race is 53.4 miles. For those interested, adopting a station involves a minimum of three people willing to spend a few hours filling bottles and keeping food on the table. Volunteers can take shifts, but there must be three people at the table at all times. Organizations can put up their logo or banner and should feel free to decorate their table. Race organizers will be providing bananas, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and baked goods — teams can bring their own goodies if they like. Visit [www.acidoticracing.com/Bear-BrookMarathonUltra.html](http://www.acidoticracing.com/Bear-BrookMarathonUltra.html). E-mail Kristina Folcik at [kristina@dangergirlldh.com](mailto:kristina@dangergirlldh.com). The race begins at 6:30 a.m.



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# Hospital execs get big pay

## Center publishes data; let the analysis begin

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A recent report by the New Hampshire Center for Public Policy Studies revealed that executive pay at the state's 23 nonprofit hospitals rose by 18 percent from 2006 to 2009. But report author Daniel Barrick said the study doesn't explain whether there is a correlation between executive pay and hospital performance.

That would presumably be the next step, at some point.

Barrick said the study, which the center completed with a grant from the state Attorney General's office, creates a body of data that can be used to begin to understand compensation numbers, not just at individual hospitals, but across the state. He said many times executive pay at nonprofit hospitals is talked about in isolation and there is rarely any context for comparison. The report provides some context.

The Center looked at IRS filings, hospital records, W2 statements, employment contracts, boards of directors meeting minutes and statewide surveys of compensation practices, according to the report. Among the key findings are that most hospitals follow best practices in deciding compensation and that CEO compensation appears tied to the size of the hospital. While CEO pay jumped by 18 percent, the average private sector worker in the state saw his or her wages increase by 4.8 percent during the same three-year period. According to the report, all health care sector workers experienced a 12.8-percent wage increase.

There are significant differences in size, population served, population density and types of hospital. In 2008, the average total compensation for a hospital CEO in New Hampshire was \$485,664, but the highest CEO compensation, which was \$1,359,848 at Catholic Medical Center, was almost three times the average. Take CMC out of the equation and the average CEO compensation in the state drops by 8 percent, according to the report.

"The report ... states unequivocally that Catholic Medical Center meets the IRS requirements and standards for executive compensation practices," according to a statement released by Joseph Graham, chairman of CMC's board of directors. "It also concludes that the compensation levels for New Hampshire hospital CEOs, including CMC, are in line with and compare favorably to those in other New England states."

Hospitals chose to focus on the fact that the report revealed what New Hampshire hospitals are paying their CEOs is in line with the rest of the region.

"Ultimately, the report shows that CEO compensation at New Hampshire's nonprofit hospitals is very much in line with compensation offered by hospitals throughout Northern New England, and the report will serve as a benchmark for hospital boards as they look to set compensation and fulfill their fiduciary obligations at their institutions in the future," according to a statement released by Steve Ahnen, president of the New Hampshire Hospital Association.

Barrick said the analysis was fairly simple and looked at a relatively brief period in time.

"No single point of analysis should be taken as providing some declarative statement about an individual hospital or the sector as a whole," Barrick said.

"The Attorney General's report offers helpful guidance and information for hospital boards to consider. We look forward to future conversations with the Attorney General and others in our community about how best to be good stewards of our charitable mission," according to Graham's statement. "We are pleased to know that the process we have followed at CMC is consistent with and complies in all respects with state and federal law. On behalf of our entire Board of Directors, we are grateful for the trust placed in us as leaders in the healthcare community, and we look forward to continuing our work to carry out CMC's mission of health, healing and hope and to provide the very best healthcare to the citizens of New Hampshire."

Once the data is out there, the debate can elevate beyond just the bottom-line numbers. That's when researchers can begin thinking about and examining how executive pay translates, or not, to hospital performance and the value of the institution. These organizations are tax exempt and they are expected to provide a community benefit, Barrick said.

"What's the link between the public benefit and the public value and the amount executives are paid?" Barrick said. The answer to that question can help frame how policymakers, regulators and the public think about the topic, he said.

Barrick found that while executive pay jumped 18 percent in the three-year period, it also falls roughly in the middle of the pack when looking at the rest of New England. Still, Barrick said the report has its limits. For one, it's still looking at the issue in isolation to a certain extent. It's not examining the pay in accordance with the value those institutions provide, he said.

"There are other variables we should use to assess this," Barrick said.

Hospitals measure the quality of care they provide a number of ways, including surveys that analyze how well hospitals respond and handle common ailments and procedures. How much hospitals charge is a big part of the equation as well, particularly regarding how much care is provided to people who couldn't afford to pay for it themselves.

"It's not meant to be a benchmark to remain in place forever," Barrick said. "It's to get people thinking. Are these systems being used by boards of directors when they're making compensation decisions?"

There were 24 institutions that Barrick looked at, and they all had variations in their processes. The industry is required to follow a three-point program, called the "rebuttal of reasonableness." If the three steps are followed, it's presumed that hospitals are paying reasonable compensation. The three steps leave room for interpretation.

Executive pay must be determined by a group of people with no conflict of interest. Decisions must be made while looking



at appropriate comparable data, and the process must be documented.

“Fulfilling that process does not necessarily say anything about whether the pay is excessive or if it’s not enough, but if you follow the process, on its face, it’s reasonable,” Barrick said.

There is a lot of leeway in terms of how to measure hospitals’ impact. Future studies could look at things like patient and employee satisfaction, as well as charitable benefit.

“That’s one of the questions we were hoping the paper would add some insight to: What is appropriate data that should be used?” Barrick said.

The report found that while hospitals appear to follow the same guidelines for determining compensation, they do not necessarily follow the same process when determining other forms of executive compensation, such as hiring and retention agreements, bonuses and prerequisites.

“Some hospitals have a great deal of variation in how they approach that,” Barrick said.

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*In the June 28 edition of The Hippo, Publisher Jody Reese wrote in his Granite Views column about the role of unions today. This letter is in response to that column.*

Just read your Granite Views column by Jody Reese. June 28-July 4 edition. ... As usual it was way off base. Mr. Reese, if you are gonna give us your views and opinions at least be accurate with the facts involved to back them up.

In the state of NH the public employee labor unions are, by statute, actually very weak. It is wrong to suggest otherwise. Some, and only some, public employee labor unions have a lot of political influence. With this political influence they are able to secure favorable contracts. Does that mean that the labor laws in this state need to be changed? Of course not. Rather, in [Manchester] for example the Board of Mayor and Alderman and the School Board need to stop agreeing to union contracts and extensions that the city can not afford.

Yes, NH state law does allow a public employee union to continue to use the last contract in the event there is no successor agreement but it is MINUS any pay-raises. This was not mentioned in your letter. You wrote about the teachers union without noting that they are operating under a current contract with another year left on it per a re-negotiation that already took place.

These are interesting times we are in with a lot at stake. When one offers an opinion it should be well grounded with the proper research conducted.

Thanks,

Edward Sapienza  
Manchester, NH

## BEST WEEK

**HANOVER STREET**

Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas and the Board of Aldermen signed off on a pilot program that will close a portion of Hanover Street to traffic. The pilot program will begin Friday, July 13, at 6 p.m. The street will be closed between Chestnut Street and the Citizens Bank Garage access way from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. every Friday and Saturday until Aug. 4, according to a city press release. The hope is that this will enhance the vibrancy of downtown, said Jay Minkarah, the city’s economic development director. “I think the restaurants are definitely excited about it and the possibilities of what can happen,” said Chris Wellington, of the Economic Development Office. “We have high hopes for it.” Chuck Kalatzes, owner of Penuche’s Bar and Grill, hired the Read/Allan Duo to play outdoors from 6 to 11 p.m. each night of the closing. “They’ll be on the street positioned like they’re playing to the entire street,” Wellington said. Hanover Street business owners are invited to extend their businesses onto the street. Ignite, Hooked, Penuche’s and Planet Marshmallow plan to have expanded seating. The Palace Theatre has shows scheduled for 7 p.m. each evening of the closing. The Little River Band will play at the Palace this Friday. The Economic Development Office will take feedback from businesses; the mayor and aldermen will then make a decision on whether to extend the closure for the rest of the summer. Vehicles will still have access to the Citizens’ Bank parking garage.

## WORST WEEK

**STATEHOUSE REPORTERS**

Two reporters from the Concord Monitor were reportedly denied access to a press conference in House Speaker William O’Brien’s office last Friday, July 6, according to a Monitor story on July 7. The Monitor said it did not receive the press conference invitation, but once it got word of the press conference, the paper sent two reporters to cover the event.

The press conference was focused on curtailing Electronic Benefit Transfer fraud. The state uses EBT cards to transmit monetary benefits to residents in cash assistance programs; the issue drew headlines in recent weeks after a store clerk in Peterborough was fired after she reportedly refused to accept an EBT card as payment for cigarettes.

Shannon Bettencourt, House spokeswoman, did not allow the reporters to enter the conference, though one reporter did videotape the incident. O’Brien did not comment during the press conference on why the Monitor was barred. Reportedly, the Monitor was barred because of an editorial cartoon the Monitor ran in May that portrayed O’Brien as Hitler. The Telegraph ran an editorial this week that suggested by banning the Monitor, O’Brien deflected attention from the actual issue the conference was called to discuss — EBT fraud — and instead placed it squarely on his showdown with the Monitor.



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## HIPPO POLITICS

# Republicans look ahead

Where can they go from here?

By Jeff Mucciarone  
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It had its ups and downs. Following the 2010 elections, the political landscape in New Hampshire was like a dream setup for Republicans.

The GOP controlled the state House of Representatives and the state Senate by 3-to-1 majorities. The GOP also held unanimous control of the five-member Executive Council. Yes, Democrats held the corner office, but by all accounts, Gov. John Lynch was a particularly moderate Democrat.

All in all, the stage was set for some sweeping changes. There wasn't anything Democrats could do to stop the GOP train from rolling. Lynch vetoed a bill here and there, but for the most part, it was no problem for Republican leadership in the House and Senate to generate the necessary support to bypass the governor's veto.

The first year contained an easy, largely all-consuming top priority in the state budget. Lawmakers faced a potential deficit of as much as \$900 million. Spending had to be curtailed. Lawmakers obliged and delivered a dramatically cut-back version of the state budget — it cut spending by 11 percent. Services across the board were cut. Anything deemed extraneous was tossed aside. The cuts resulted in a historic achievement, an achievement that certainly didn't please everyone, since many of the cuts impacted vulnerable populations. But certainly, the Legislature addressed a major issue from the campaign trail: that it would cut back on government spending.

Some would say the Legislature could have gone even further with cuts, but most were pleased with the level of cutbacks.

"We campaigned last year, we made promises to people that I think we kept, promises that there would not be any new or increased taxes, that we'd live within our means," said House Speaker William O'Brien, R-Mont Vernon, in an interview following the 2011 session. Lawmakers also enacted retirement system reforms and started the process to shift the state's Medicaid system into a managed care system.

### That was then

If the 2012 elections could have been held following the session last year, the guess here is that Republicans would probably keep their massive majorities.

In the first year, lawmakers kept the focus on fiscal issues. Lawmakers tackled retirement reform legislation and business tax reforms and reductions. While the House delved somewhat into dreaded "social issues," the main focus was clearly on the economy and budget issues — at least in Year 1.

Now, that's not to say that Republicans didn't do anything in Year 2. But the problem, at least with regard to polit-

ical timing, is that the budget happens in Year 1 of lawmakers' two-year terms. The passage of the two-year budget seems like a long time ago now. The problem in the second session is that lawmakers don't

necessarily have a marquee piece of legislation to hang their hats on. The one they had a shot on was the education funding constitutional amendment, but that fell apart. That's a big one. Lawmakers in the House were unable to override Lynch's veto of right-to-work legislation, but perhaps that defeat was mainly symbolic.

Carolyn McKinney, chairwoman of the New Hampshire Liberty Caucus, said the Legislature missed some opportunities. Right-to-work was one, for sure, and so was handling the education funding quagmire. House and Senate leadership and Gov. John Lynch agreed on a constitutional amendment, but it didn't get the necessary support in the House. (For the record, the Liberty Caucus did not support the proposed amendment, but it did want a solution.)

Lawmakers did get a constitutional amendment that would ban an income tax on the ballot this fall. That's not to be overlooked.

None of this is to suggest that Republicans squandered their majorities the past two years — they certainly didn't — but it wasn't perfect. And there were some things that were ultimately left on the table.

### Mobilizing

So the charge for incumbent lawmakers — and there seem to be fewer and fewer of those in the state Senate — is to remind voters of all they've done. That's not easy, especially since Democrats are trying to drown them out. One thing is clear though: Republicans are mobilizing.

The New Hampshire Victory program in 2010 was historically successful. The 2012 version was getting up off the ground this past weekend by mobilizing its get-out-the-vote infrastructure. The Victory program, which is a joint effort between the Republican National Committee, the state Republican Committee and the Romney for President Campaign, was expected to include several hundred volunteers knocking on doors and making phone calls. The effort was centered at offices in Bedford, Nashua, Derry, Dover, Keene, Stratham, Wolfeboro and Littleton.

The state GOP Committee also hosted a reception with U.S. Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, this past weekend. Portman is considered a potential vice presidential pick for Romney.

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## Caucus chairwoman

NH liberty group leader looks back, ahead

**Carolyn McKinney is chairwoman of the Republican Liberty Caucus of New Hampshire, which promotes personal and economic liberty. McKinney took over as chairwoman after Andrew Hemingway left the group last year to work on Newt Gingrich's presidential campaign. Visit rlcnh.org.**

**Q:** *What are your thoughts on this past session?*

Although it did have some disappointments, it really was a fantastic session for the cause of liberty.... We had historic budget cuts. State government was cut by 11 percent. ... we were really living beyond our means. We also had some big advances in the area of home-school freedom. ... The constitutional amendments: CACR 26 would be a huge step forward for us, because right now judges can make rules that have the force of law and it's really been abused by citizens in the courtroom, especially in family proceedings. ... We have the constitutional amendment to ban an income tax. That's a huge thing. We know low taxes and low spending lead to economic prosperity for our state. ... We're just scratching the surface. I'm really thrilled we did as much as we were able to do.

*What role do you expect the Caucus to play in the elections this year?*

We have already endorsed some candidates ... people who have already taken our survey. ... Most have signed the Liberty Compact, that is basically pledging to reduce government and not to grow it. It's [pledging not to] start programs but to eliminate them, limiting government, increasing individual responsibility and free enterprise. ... In 2010 we were able to expose big-government Republicans and their voting records. ... We intend to do the same thing this time. We don't know the number of incumbents we'll be targeting. We also intend...to support the candidates we do like, especially on the Senate side. ... We did have some really great senators that were champions for our cause, but unfortunately, most of the conservatives ... have decided to retire. We're looking at who is out there to replace those who are our heroes.

*When you're out talking with folks, do you find that they're on board with your cause?*

In my experience, yes. ... people here really do understand the link between economic liberty and prosperity. That's an easy case to make. Personal liberty, people whom I hear, who are most vocal about the cause, are frankly being harmed by the system. Home school parents who feel burdened by the state. There are a few candidates running this time, one is a dad who is being harmed by the system. ... One case that absolutely broke my heart — a father was barred from seeing his children for three years because someone had leveled a claim against him and they wouldn't tell him what the claim was. He had absolutely no redress and no due process. ... When people hear about that type of thing ... they come to understand and value personal liberties.

*So CACR 26, that's the one that would change the system?*

Yes. The Legislature could eventually overrule the court ruling if it's hiding



stuff from parents. There are a lot of positions within the courts that are given a lot of power, non-judge positions.... That could also be fixed to help citizens gain back some justice.

*When you look back at the session, and considering the majorities Republicans had, did they do enough?*

I think there were some missed opportunities; certainly right-to-work was at the very top of the list on that. ... The data is clear that this is not something that hurts workers like unions like to say. Wages remain good, and economic activity just booms. It's in the Republican platform, and it's something we'd like to see get done. It is one of the issues that we screen for. That is one of the votes that we use to identify Republicans who may need to be replaced. Another missed opportunity was the Claremont situation at the end of the session. ... We didn't feel CACR12 adequately protected liberty and local control. It ended up not passing, but there were a multitude of other ways to handle that. I hope the next Legislature will do that in a way that protects local control and the rights of parents. ... They did some really good things with regard to roadblocks to Obamacare. There was a law in 2011 that said that New Hampshire citizens can't be assessed past fines for not purchasing health insurance. ... House Bill 1297 prohibited the state from setting up a health insurance exchange.

*Do you think the health care law ruling ... will create animosity that benefits Republicans?*

Yes and no. I think the ruling will probably add some fuel, but I think people are frankly a little tired. ... Even if other states aren't as geared up to vote against Obama, I think the people of New Hampshire will have a strong showing for Republicans. That's my sense. Mostly because there are probably more Republicans here who like Romney than perhaps there are in other states, and that helps at the top of the ticket. He's not very popular with tea party types. But I think a lot of them will come out and vote for him. But also the constitutional amendment, like the ban on an income tax, that's a pretty good driver. Even if they were choosing to sit out a presidential election, they'd at least come out and vote for that and hopefully the state races. I think we have a pretty good chance. We may not maintain the three-quarter majorities, but I think we'll still maintain a pretty good majority.

—Jeff Mucciarone

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QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

## A bad impression

Baseball fans were excited when Red Sox stars Jacoby Ellsbury, Carl Crawford and Ryan Sweeney played at Manchester's Northeast Delta Dental Stadium last week during their rehab stints with the Portland Sea Dogs, who were in town to challenge the Toronto Blue Jays-affiliated New Hampshire Fisher Cats. But the visit did not leave such a great impression with at least one of those players. Fisher Cats president Rick Brenner issued an apology to outfielder Crawford after a fan reportedly hurled a racial slur at the player while he signed autographs after the game on Thursday, July 6. ESPN reported Crawford as saying "People in Boston don't even do that. ... It's not that bad in Boston, like that." The Boston Globe quoted him as saying "if that's the way they do things around there I don't ever want to go there again."

**QOL score: -1**

**Comment:** Crawford said he understood the heckling he has received about his high salary and low performance this year. The Fisher Cats beat the Sea Dogs 11-3 Thursday.

## Revenues as expected

According to preliminary revenue figures for Fiscal year 2012, the state is facing a deficit of \$34.1 million in the Medicaid Enhancement Tax, but the Department of Revenue Administration expects to receive that money later this month. Aside from the incoming tax payments, the revenues will be up by \$1 million over projections. House Speaker William O'Brien, R-Mont Vernon, said that if the legislature had gone with Democrats' revenue projections, the state would be facing a \$120 million deficit. "That is an incredible achievement and is a far cry from recent years, in which inflated revenue figure were used to justify more government growth," O'Brien said in a statement.

**QOL score: +1**

**Comment:** While revenue projections made by GOP leadership appear to be accurate, the projections were considered particularly conservative, so the fact that they ended up being accurate isn't exactly fantastic economic news.

## Everybody out!

Lifeguards kept swimmers out of the water at Wallis Sands beach in Rye on Monday, July 9, after a swimmer said he saw a shark, according to reports. Officials said, based on the description given, it was likely a sand shark, which is not the "need a bigger boat" kind but is still a "watch your fingers" sort of animal.

**QOL score: -1**

**Comments:** Well, at least the weather had cooled down some on Monday so being out of the water wasn't oppressively hot.

## Singing for a record

Alan St. Louis sang the National Anthem a whopping 217 times this year as of Saturday, July 7. The final notes at Nashua's Holman Field before a Futures Collegiate Baseball League game marked one year since he took on the challenge. The idea reported started out as a joke, with someone offhandedly saying, "keep this up and you'll break the world record," but turned into a serious goal when he called Guinness Book of World Records and found that nobody had applied for this record before. The Nashua native sang everywhere he could this past year, at colleges and universities across the state, from venues of five to 12,000, reported WMUR.

**QOL score: +1**

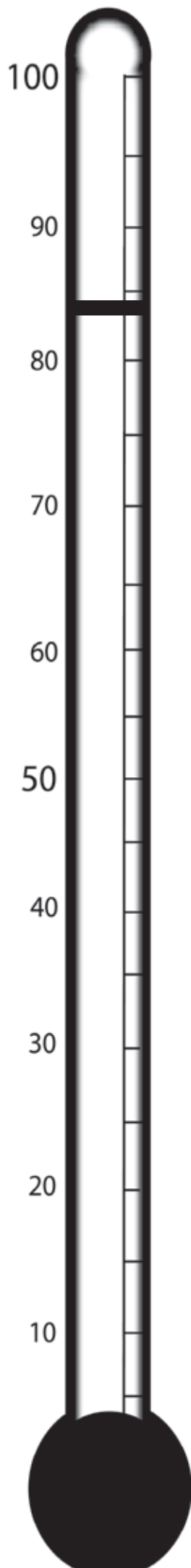
**Comment:** Hear St. Louis sing as he starts the new year of national anthems at the Fisher Cats game on Thursday, Aug. 16, against the Binghamton Mets.

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# Baseball filled with big stories at the All-Star break



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Who's the best player story in baseball: **Mike Trout**, **Bryce Harper**, **Steven Strasburg**, **Josh Hamilton**, the Mets' **R.A. Dickey** throwing back-to-back one-hitters and leading MLB in wins, or **Andrew McCutchen** hitting .369 and leading the Pirates to the top spot?

The best team story? Well, it probably has the network execs ready to jump off the Brooklyn Bridge, but Washington atop the NL East and Pittsburgh leading the NL Central are tops for me. All the young talent in D.C. is cool, and seeing a charter franchise that's been down for 20 years have a run is great too.

Speaking of that charter franchise — who's the better all-time shortstop, Pirates great and eight-time batting champ **Honus Wagner**, or **Derek Jeter**, who may wind up with 4,000 hits?

Bryce Harper may have (and I say *may*) more upside than Angels 20-year-old phenom Trout, but he ain't leading the league in hitting. After hitting .372 in June and .385 in July, he goes into the All-Star break hitting .341. Overall it's .341 with 12 homers, 40 RBI and 57 runs scored. For Harper it's .282 with eight homers, 28 RBI and 43 runs scored. No contest so far.

**Baseball 101:** Even if this continues, Trout won't be the youngest batting champion. By turning 21 on Aug. 7, he'll narrowly miss claiming that honor. So who keeps the title as the youngest batting champion ever?

Speaking of Harper and those Nationals, am I the only one who knows their leading hitter at a robust .360 is Strasburg? He's 9 for 25 with four doubles, a homer, 3 RBI, and the OPS is 1.047.

Strasburg is also an interesting story in that at 9-4 with a **Nolan Ryan**-like 92 strikeouts in just 68 innings and a 2.92 ERA he's obviously integral to the Nationals' pitching staff. But with him coming off Tommy John surgery, the Nats said they were going given him an innings limit this year, and you have to wonder if they'll still do that as they surge to their first playoff berth ever.

Who saw 20 homers at the break for **Josh Reddick** in their crystal ball?

Here are the results to date on **Ben (Sonny and) Cherington's** first two off-season deals as GM. **Andrew Bailey** — no hits or runs allowed as well as no appearances due to being injured and unlikely to pitch 40 innings for the third straight year — for Reddick — 43 RBI and .268 to go along with the 20 bombs. **Mark Melancon** — 0-2, 7.07 ERA and a six-week trip to the minors — for **Jed Lowrie** — who in 280 at-bats is hitting .258 with 36 RBI and a second-best-among-all-shortstops 14 homers.

In the year there finally was a real snub in the All-Star selections, I didn't hear much about players being "snubbed." Normally it doesn't apply, but **Tony LaRussa** not taking **Brandon Phillips** as payback for the Cardinals-Reds fight last year and the hard feeling between the teams really is a snub, because it was done with deliberate coldness AND contempt.

The best previous snub was **Hank Greenberg** not making the team in 1935 when he had 100 RBI at the break, especially given the anti-Semitism of the day. Especially when **Lou Gehrig** was the only first baseman selected and had just 119 RBI for their entire seasons.

In 1935 they had only one first baseman, five pitchers and just 21 players each on the All-Star rosters, while in the age of **Bud Lite** and everyone-gets-a-trophy there were a whopping 40 players on each team this year to make it reason 57-B why I hate the All-Star game.

Another of my 10 billion reasons is that only starters and closers are taken and people like **Scott Atchison** aren't considered despite a 1.79 ERA — better than anyone in the AL except for Texas reliever **Robbie Ross**, who is 6-0 with a 0.95 ERA in 47.1 innings and didn't make it either.

But here's the biggest reason I hate it: A meaningless exhibition game where players are picked in a fan popularity contest determines home field advantage in the World Series. The only decision in the last 100 years that made less sense was Hitler attacking his, ahem, ally to open the Eastern Front with Russia before he'd finished off Great Britain in WWII.

There are 18 starters at the break with a sub-3.00 ERA. Bet that hasn't happened since the '70s — if then.

Is it me, or was the overly analytical ESPN baseball analyst **Orel Hershisier** separated at birth from gubernatorial candidate **Ovide Lamontagne**?

All the whining aside, given the way the Red Sox brass has given GIGANTIC contracts to out-of-town stiff who had yet to do anything for the team like **John Lackey**, **Dice-K**, **JD Drew** and others, it's easy to see why **David Ortiz** is ticked being asked to go year to year on his contract. Even if it's the reason he finally got in shape to start a season and it's probably going to get him a bigger deal next year.

Raise your hand if you think the Yankees would EVER let a lead-off hitter who can hit 30 homers a year walk as a free agent in their prime. You know they wouldn't, and the Sox shouldn't let **Jacoby Ellsbury** walk either, **Scott Boras** or no Scott Boras. What they should do is pay half of **Carl Crawford's** salary and move him. And since Lackey's money comes off the books when Ellsbury's big payday is due, in the words of **Eric Cantor**, they'll have the budget offset to pay for it.

And if **Jackie Bradley Jr.** is ready to play by then, put him in left field to make it even more affordable to keep Jacoby because he'll balance it off by still making less than a million.

I know people love hitting streaks, but if you are paying \$20 million per for his power production, would you say **Adrian Gonzalez** is "red hot" as was said on ESPN Sunday when during his 18-game streak he had one homer and eight RBI?

The Yankees already have 133 homers. The 1997 Mariners hold the all-time record with 267 — so they have a shot.

Of all the athletes I've seen over the years, only the '80s-'90s 49er safety **Merton Hanks** and the ex-Ram and Cowboy tight end **Billy Truax** had a longer neck than Sox rookie **Pedro Ciriaco**. ET call home.

**Baseball 101 Answer:** The youngest batting champ will remain Al Kaline, who hit .340 in 1955 at 20 years old.

And finally, even with Ellsbury coming back, I think the Sox are done. The real lesson of chicken and beer from last year was not that they were a bunch of chokers. It was that too many guys weren't that into baseball. Intensity matters, and they don't have enough of it.

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## PEOPLE, PLACES & OTHER STUFF

### Sports Glossary

**Honus Wagner:** All-time baseball all-timer from earliest days of major leagues. Led Pittsburgh into the first World Series against your Boston Americans (nee Pilgrims and later Red Sox), who turned back his Pirates in 8 games. Played for Pitt from 1897 through the 1917 campaign as he won a second-most-ever 8 batting titles, racked up 3,423 hits, knocked in 100 or more an impressive 9 times in the heart of the dead ball era, and batted .328, tying with Rod Carew and Wade Boggs on the all-time list.

**Scott (don't) Boras:** Baseball's uber agent, who'll do the bidding for Jacoby Ellsbury as he moves toward free agency. Should have posters in post offices all over America saying Always Gets His Price, as he pulls off outrageous demands like getting Sox to pick up Manny's entire salary in 2008 trade to the Dodgers and then getting him another \$45 million from L.A. in the height of the economic crash with no other suitors.

**The Eastern Front:** Front line between German and primarily Soviet forces after Hitler ordered sneak invasion of Russia in 1940, a whopper of a bad decision that turned the tide of WWII, though it took the deaths of an estimated 20 to 25 million Russians before the war ended. It was bad because it brought another entire country, and a large one at that, into the war against Germany and put its army in a vice grip between Russian forces on the east and the Allied forces on the west. It's also the place General Burkhalter threatens to send Colonel Klink and Klink threatens to send Sergeant Schultz when they screw up in *Hogan's Heroes*.

**Bud Lite:** Former car dealer now running major league baseball. Real name Allan Huber Selig — now you know why they call him Bud. Fell into it by leading a group to buy the bankrupt expansion Seattle Pilots and bring them to Milwaukee as the Brewers. Not a bad owner in the day, as he got a baseball team for his town after the Braves split for Atlanta, brought Hank Aaron to town to close out his career where it started with the Braves, and had the Harvey Wallbanger Brew Crew in the series in 1982. Now spends most of his time doing what the networks tell him to do while rationalizing that he's doing it for the fans and for the good of baseball.

## U. S. Junior Amateur Golf Championship brings best under-18 golfers to NH

**The Big Story:** It's the chance to see the most important golfing event ever held in New Hampshire, with the arrival of the U. S. Junior Amateur Championship on Monday, July 16. It is for players under 18 and will be held just a hop, skip and a jump away at the beautiful Country Club of New England in Stratham — which is owned, oh by the way, by ex-Governor Craig Benson. And it will have a great local angle, as 2011 runner-up **Chelso Barrett** of Keene will play, as will Windham's **Connor Greenleaf**.

**Sports 101:** Who has hit the most home runs in All-Star game history?

**The Big Story II:** If the Red Sox had the outfield that Portland did on Thursday night at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium, they might not be stumbling around the AL East as they have for most of the season. And in any other week the arrival of **Jacoby Ellsbury** and **Carl Crawford** to play against the F-Cats would be the week's biggest story. Still they were here for a three-game set through the week when, along with teammate **Ryan Sweeney**, they went just a combined 6 for 27 against Manchester pitching and were upstaged by streaking prospect **Jackie Bradley Jr.**, who was 6 for 13 in the series.

**Milestones:** If this were 1975, and it weren't downhill, **Rob Novak** would be the world record holder in the mile run after it took him 3:49:92 to reach the tape in the second annual HASLAW Manchester Mile race on Tuesday. That mark would have pushed the Hamilton, N.J., native past **John Walker** of New Zealand, who ran a 3:49:4 in 1975 in the first sub-3:50 mile ever run. Still it's

an impressive time on the run down Bridge Street to win the unique event that began last summer.

**Injured List:** That's all she wrote for **Chris Carpenter**. Despite a brief glimmer of hope earlier in the week when he was given the OK to start throwing, he was shut down for the year. He now will have surgery for a condition identified as thoracic outlet syndrome. It comes on the heels of his sensational postseason when, among other things, he outdueled **Roy Halladay** in an epic 1-0 Game 5 win in the NLDS in leading the Cardinals to their second world championship since he arrived in St. Louis.

**What a Stupid I Yam Award:** To me for saying the more amazing than great **Nolan Ryan** had 8 no-hitters when it's actually a paltry 7, as pointed out by **Frank Harlan with an N**.

**Sports 101 Answer:** The great Stan the man Musial holds the All-Star record for most homers with 6.

**On This Date - July 12:** 1901 Cy Young wins his 300th game. 1914 Babe Ruth makes his baseball debut with the Red Sox. 1921 Babe Ruth breaks baseball's all-time home run record by hitting his 137th career homer. 1930 On his way to the grand slam of golf, **Bobby Jones** wins the U.S. Open at Interlachen Country Club in Minnesota. 1949 Baseball owners agree to erect warning paths before each fence. 1951 Yankees' **Allie Reynolds** pitches the first of his two no-hitters in 1951 to beat Cleveland 8-0. 1970 **Jack Nicklaus** shoots 5-under-par 283 to win his third of four British Opens at St. Andrews. 1996 **Kirby Puckett** retires. **Born:** 1943, former Celtics power forward **Paul Silas**.



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### The Numbers

1 – moron in 9,000 people on hand is how the alleged racial slur hurled Carl Crawford's way last week should be viewed, and not as the civil rights backslide that **Chris Gaspar** suggested it might be around New England in Saturday's Boston Globe.

4:43:33 – time recorded by **Jack Bauer** of Manchester to be the top local finisher in

HASLAW Manchester Mile, which was good for sixth place overall.

5:01:06 – top local female time in the HASLAW Manchester Mile, run by **Tammie Robie** of Milford.

74 – career tournaments won by **Tiger Woods** after taking last week's AT & T National to be the year's first three-time winner and move past **Jack Nicklaus** in second

place for most PGA tournaments won all-time.

400 – career homer plateau reached by **David Ortiz** on Wednesday in Oakland, the first time by a player who's been primarily a DH through his career.

8,903 – number of fans who composed the largest crowd in Fisher Cats history on the day **John Smoltz** made a rehab start there in 2009.

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## IDEAS FOR FAMILY FUN

### 101 things to do with the kids this summer

by Rebecca Sherman

Summertime . . . and the living is easy, until the calendar looms empty. Here's a go-to list that will help you avoid that dreaded kid phrase, "I'm bored."

**1. See one of New Hampshire's biggest waterfalls,** Arethusa Falls, which is nearly 200 feet high. According to [www.nhstateparks.com/waterfalls](http://www.nhstateparks.com/waterfalls), a path to the falls can be accessed south of the Wiley House site off Route 302 in Crawford Notch. Two more waterfalls can be seen along the way: Bemis Brook and Coliseum Falls, which the website noted is "an easy .5 mile hike in, while Arethusa is 1.3 miles in on a hike of moderate difficulty." The website suggests that Arethusa Falls is best viewed from below and warns against rock scrambling, as the rocks are unsafe. For those wishing to swim, the website suggests choosing spots downstream. More waterfall locations and descriptions are listed on the website.

**2. Tour the USS Albacore,** the first submarine designed to fully submerge, which was built at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and served from 1953 to 1972 on an experimental mission. Visitors to Albacore Park can listen to an audio tour at the museum, housed in the visitors center, which also includes a gift shop. The adjacent Memorial Garden "honors the sacrifices of those submariners who gave their lives in service." The park is open daily through Columbus Day, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 7-17, free for children younger than 7, or \$10 for a family of two adults and one or two children younger than 18. The last tickets are sold a half-hour before closing. Go to Albacore Park, 600 Market St., Portsmouth, 436-3680, [www.ussalbacore.org](http://www.ussalbacore.org).

**3. Explore the Ponemah Bog Wildlife Sanctuary** and see rare plants, including insect-eating pitcher plants, as well as green herons and other wildlife. The sanctuary is owned and operated by the New Hampshire Audubon Society, which describes it as "a kettle hole created by the retreating glaciers." New Hampshire Audubon is offering free, informal walks, Saturday, July 21, at 10 a.m., with Pam Hunt, New Hampshire Audubon senior biologist, and Saturday, Aug. 4, at 10 a.m., with Tom Young, bird and dragonfly enthusiast. Walks usually last about two hours. Or visitors can choose to tour the sanctuary on their own, keeping to marked trails and walking on the boardwalk through the bog. The trail network is about ¾ of a mile long and takes about 45 minutes to complete. Bug spray and footwear that can get wet are recommended. The bog is on Rhodora Drive off Stearns Road in Amherst. See [www.nhstateparks.org/uploads/pdf/Quest-PonemahBogMap.pdf](http://www.nhstateparks.org/uploads/pdf/Quest-PonemahBogMap.pdf) or [www.nhaudubon.org/friends-of-ponemahn-bog-summer-field-trip-series](http://www.nhaudubon.org/friends-of-ponemahn-bog-summer-field-trip-series).

**4. Catch a ball game.** Eat kid favorites like hot dogs and cotton candy while watching a New Hampshire Fisher Cats game. Attend the Sunday, July 22, game against the Portland Sea Dogs at 1:35 p.m. — the first 1,000 kids in attendance will receive a special-edition Fisher Cats glow-in-the-dark baseball. After this game, kids will get to run the bases like the players do. See [www.nhfishercats.com](http://www.nhfishercats.com) for tickets, game times and more promotions. Where? Northeast Delta Dental Stadium, 1 Line Drive, Manchester, 641-2005.

**5. Search for new and used treasures** at a flea market. Salem Flea Market, at 20 Hampshire Road, Salem, 893-8888, [www.salemnhfleamarket.com](http://www.salemnhfleamarket.com), has been in business for more than 25 years and includes indoor and outdoor vendors, a full kitchen and an ice cream and popcorn truck. It's open

Saturdays and Sundays year-round. Outdoor vendors are open from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., indoor vendors from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Other area flea markets include Londonderry Flea Market, Grandview Flea Market in Derry and Hollis Flea Market.

**6. Take a scenic drive** along the Kancamagus Highway, the 34.5-mile stretch of northern New Hampshire's Route 112, from Conway to Lincoln. Designated an American Scenic Byway, "the Kanc," as it's commonly known, affords views of the White Mountains, the Swift River, Sabbaday Falls, Lower Falls and Rocky Gorge. A popular fall foliage drive, the Kanc reaches an elevation of almost 3,000 feet at Kancamagus Pass near Lincoln. See [www.kancamagushighway.com](http://www.kancamagushighway.com).

**7. Pick your own delicious fruit:** cherries in July, blueberries in July and August, peaches from July through September, raspberries from July to October and apples from August to October. See [www.nh.com/pickyourn](http://www.nh.com/pickyourn) for picking tips and for lists of pick-your-own farms by region.

**8. See sidebar on page 15**

**9. Ride to the 3,050-foot summit** of Loon Mountain on a four-passenger gondola skyride. Purchase skyride tickets at the Loon Gift Shop inside the gondola barn. A ticket is good for unlimited rides for the day. Adults \$15, juniors \$10, seniors \$13, children free. Summer hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Head to 60 Loon Mountain Road, Lincoln, 745-8111, [www.loonmtn.com](http://www.loonmtn.com).

**10. Catch a double feature at a drive-in** movie theater. Milford Drive-in is open every night at 531 Elm St., Milford, 673-4090, [www.milforddrivein.com](http://www.milforddrivein.com). Shows start about dusk, and movies are updated most Fridays. A new feature is the RC cars and racetrack: Rent a car for \$3 for five minutes. Price for drive-in is \$20 per car for up to six passengers for a double-feature, \$5 per person for more than six passengers.

**11. Take a picnic to a playground.** Livingston Park on Daniel Webster Highway North in Manchester, across from the Puritan Backroom, features a walking trail around Dorr's Pond, a swimming pool, and two playgrounds, one for toddlers and preschoolers and one for older children. Windham's Griffin Park, several miles past the McDonald's on Route 111, has playground structures for older and younger kids and an inline skate park, baseball fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, a paved walking path and a covered pavilion/concession stand. Field of Dreams Playground at 48 Geremonty Drive in Salem has a small picnic area, a newly reconstructed volleyball court, a playground with a dedicated toddler area, and fitness and hiking trails.

**12. Make a batch of soda** at Incredibrew, choosing from root beer, sarsaparilla, orange cream soda and new black cherry. For \$45 you can make four gallons — 48 12-ounce bottles, including all ingredients, equipment, bottles and caps. Weigh and mix for 15 minutes the first day, then wait for the two-day carbonation cycle and return for 45 minutes of bottling with the help of an automatic bottle-filler. For those who can't wait, schedule a "make and take" soda session. Incredibrew is at 112 DW Highway, Nashua, 891-2477, [www.incredibrew.com](http://www.incredibrew.com).

**13. Got a Lego lover?** Visit the SEE Science Center to see the Lego Millyard Project, "the largest permanent Lego installation at minifigure scale in the world." The proj-



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#### 14. See sidebar on page 16

**15. Grab your bikes** and head to Mack's Apples in Londonderry to try community biking. Charlie Goodspeed, who operates DG Cycles in Londonderry and Epping, runs bicycling events throughout town. A slower-paced ride is offered on Thursday nights at 6 p.m., leaving from Mack's. Expect a 20- to 25-mile pedal at a pace where no one gets dropped from the ride. A fast-paced ride is offered Tuesday nights from the Londonderry store, DG Cycles at the Appletree Mall, 4 Orchard View Drive off Route 102. This ride is not for the faint of heart or the novice cyclist, with riders averaging a consistent 20 mph. The ride leaves the shop at 6 p.m. DG is at 216-2022, [www.dgcycles.com](http://www.dgcycles.com).

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**17. Cool off** at Liquid Planet Waterpark in Candia or Water Country in Portsmouth. At Liquid Planet, attractions include two 40-foot vertical-drop speed slides, New England's largest spray ground and a 25,000-gallon swimming pool. Children younger than 2 get in free, as do military personnel with I.D. There are some restrictions on children's activities dependent upon size. Purchase a daily pass (for those 48 inches and taller) for \$25, daily junior pass (under 48" tall) for \$20, half-day general pass for \$18 or half-day junior pass for \$13. Zipline tickets are \$10 for first ride, \$5 per additional ride. Liquid Planet is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday evenings 6 p.m. to sundown, and Sundays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The park is at 446 Raymond Road, Candia, 483-2200, [www.liquidplanetwaterpark.com](http://www.liquidplanetwaterpark.com). In Portsmouth, Water Country, at 2300 Lafayette Road, 427-1111, is open 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. every day in July and through Aug. 19; closing time switches to 5 p.m. Aug. 20 through Sept. 3. Season passes are available; half day passes start at \$19.99 and full-day passes start at \$24.99. Water Country this summer is Dr. Von Dark's Tunnel of Terror, which has two riders plunging through a 40-foot enclosed tunnel. There are also plenty of tube slides, body slides, kiddie slides and a wave pool. See [www.watercountry.com](http://www.watercountry.com)

**18. Check out a free hands-on workshop** at Home Depot for children ages 5 through 12. On Saturday, July 7, from 9 a.m. to noon, build a moving truck at a local Home Depot (area stores are in Londonderry, Manchester, Nashua, Concord, Bedford or Hooksett — call the one near you for workshop schedules). Or head to Lowe's for a free kids' Build and Grow clinic and make a Kung Fu Panda Spinning Attack on Saturday, July 14, at 10 a.m. and Sunday, July 15, at 2 p.m.,

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## #14 SEE THE TALL SHIPS...



Visitors to Sail Portsmouth 2012 will have an opportunity to explore the decks of the tall ships, when they come to New Hampshire's seacoast for four days of events. Photo courtesy of the Piscataqua Maritime Commission.

...in Portsmouth during Sail Portsmouth 2012, Thursday, July 12, through Sunday, July 15. Visiting vessels include the *Pride of Baltimore II*, *Providence* and Portsmouth's gondola, *Piscataqua*. Events include opportunities to board vessels and explore their decks at the Commercial Fishing Pier, Peirce Island, Portsmouth, for \$9 per person or \$25 per family. View the Parade of Sail on the morning of Friday, July 13. Good viewing spots for the parade are Four Tree Island in Portsmouth, Great Island Common and Portsmouth Yacht Club in New Castle and Fort Foster in Kittery, Maine. For a schedule of events call 431-7447 or see [www.pmcportsmouth.org](http://www.pmcportsmouth.org).

or build Kung Fu Panda Stacking Friends on Saturday, July 28, at 10 a.m. or Sunday, July 29, at 2 p.m. Area Lowe's include locations in Bedford, South Nashua, Amherst, Salem and Concord. See [www.homedepot.com](http://www.homedepot.com) and [www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com) for monthly projects and dates. Call local stores to register for a workshop.

**19. Visit a farmers market** for fresh, local produce — maybe some tasty berries or sweet corn. Many markets sell fresh baked goods and crafts as well, and some have live musical performances. See [www.nhfma.org](http://www.nhfma.org) for a list of markets and which fruits and veggies are in season.

**20. Rainy day sanity-saver:** Create a personalized piece of pottery at You're Fired. Paint a piece of bisque, or transform a base, such as a mirror, clock, gecko or snake, with colorful glass mosaics. Pieces are then fired in a kiln at more than 1,800 degrees and are ready in about a week. Most bare pieces range in price from \$7 to \$61. Studio time is \$8 for kids and \$6 for adults and includes use of all paint, brushes and accessories. Locations are in Bedford (641-3473), Salem (894-5456), Concord (226-3473) and Nashua (204-5559). See [www.yourefirednh.com](http://www.yourefirednh.com).

**21. Have an American Girl fan** in the house? Head to Barnes & Noble for recurring American Girl Club meetings with crafts and discussions. In Manchester, meet on Wednesday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m. at 1741 S. Willow St., 668-5557. In Nashua, meet on Monday, July 9, at 6:30 p.m. at 235 DW Highway, 888-0533. See [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com).

**22. Rainy day on a Saturday** got you down? Flipz Gymnastics in Concord offers "Rainy Day Play," beginning July 14. Drop

in on rainy Saturday mornings during the summer from 10:30 a.m. to noon for \$7.50 per person per hour, no registration required. All ages of children, "including college-age," are welcome to drop in. It's at 134D Hall St., 224-3223, [www.flipzgymnastics.com](http://www.flipzgymnastics.com).

**23. Engage with nature** courtesy of the New Hampshire Audubon Society and the National Wildlife Federation on Saturday, July 28, at three locations: the Massabesic Audubon Center in Auburn, 26 Audubon Way; the McClane Center in Concord, 84 Silk Farm Road, and on the green at the 60th Annual Hebron Fair, 16 Church Lane in Hebron. These events are free and will have live animals, crafts, sanctuary walks, field explorations, bird banding demonstrations, telemetry, free gifts, presentations and food, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. See [www.nhaudubon.org/engage-with-nature](http://www.nhaudubon.org/engage-with-nature) or call 224-9909 for schedules at each of the locations.

**24. Dogs are kids' best friends, too.** For kids who need help improving their reading and communication skills, Concord Public Library runs Paws for Pages, featuring Lily and Sparkle, gentle dogs who are at the library with their owners to listen to children read aloud. Sign up for 15 minutes of Lily's or Sparkle's undivided attention to practice reading or public speaking on Thursday, July 19, or Tuesday, July 25, between 3:30 and 5 p.m., at Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., 225-8670, [www.onconcord.com](http://www.onconcord.com). Or read to Dixie at Salem's Kelley Library on Tuesday, July 10, between 6 and 7 p.m. — sign up for one 15-minute session and bring your own book or select one at the library. Registration is required; sign up in the children's room at Kelley Library, 234 Main St., 898-



7064, mgarneau@kelleylibrary.org, or see [www.salem.lib.nh.us](http://www.salem.lib.nh.us).

**25. Visit the animals** at J&F Farm's free petting farm in Derry, where you can also buy fresh eggs, beef, pork, chicken, fruit and vegetables — and there's an ice cream stand on location, with picnic tables. It's at 120 Chester Road, 437-0535, [www.jandffarms.net](http://www.jandffarms.net).

**26. Go fly a kite.** Kite enthusiasts report that Hampton Beach State Park is a great place to try. The kite store Fun with Wind in Reading, Mass., holds a kite demonstration day on Wednesdays, from noon to 7 p.m., weather permitting, at Hampton Beach. Their website ([www.funwithwind.com](http://www.funwithwind.com)) promises "plenty of demo kites to try out, stunt kites, power foils, quad and single line kites, landboards and buggy." Check the site for location confirmation each week. Also, G. Willikers Toy Shop carries kites. It's at 13 Market St. in Portsmouth, 436-7746, [www.gwillikers.com](http://www.gwillikers.com).

**27. Try paddle boarding,** one of the fastest-growing recreational water sports on the seacoast, accessible to many ages and doable on ocean, lakes and ponds. Two seacoast shops giving lessons are Summer Sessions Surf Shop, offering a free demo night for paddle boarding and surfing every Friday from 6 to 7 p.m., 2281 Ocean Blvd., Rye, 319-8207, [www.newhampshiresurf.com](http://www.newhampshiresurf.com); and Cinnamon Rainbows Surf Co., offering free paddle demos every Tuesday and Friday evening through August from 6 to 8 p.m., across from the surf shop at 931 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, depending on weather and surf conditions, 929-7467, [www.cinnamonrainbows.com](http://www.cinnamonrainbows.com).

**28. Explore a tide pool.** Common critters in seacoast tide pools might include starfish, common periwinkles, sea urchins, hermit crabs, dogwhelks and barnacles. Low tide happens about every six hours, and the best tide pooling times are two hours before and two hours after low tide. If you miss low tide, head to the Seacoast Science Center in Rye (570 Ocean Blvd., open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 436-8043, [www.seacoastsciencecenter.org](http://www.seacoastsciencecenter.org)) to visit its Tide Pool Touch Tank and its Close Encounters Tank, which now houses an octopus. Visitor programs often include tide pooling and occur every day at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

**29. Go fishing.** Suggested area locations include Big Island Pond, Hood Pond and Beaver Lake in Derry, Massabesic Lake in Auburn, Turtletown Pond and Turkey Pond in Concord and Arlington Mill Reservoir in Salem. See [www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing) for weekly fishing reports, boating and fishing public access sites, suggested fishing locations by species, and fishing tips.

**30. Another rainy day sanity-saver is to visit a local pet shop** to view, not buy, the animals. Gaze at the tanks of colorful tropical fish at Pets Plus in Londonderry, or visit the birds, lizards, frogs and small mammals, including rabbits, guinea pigs, mice and gerbils. Pets Plus is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. It's at 123 Nashua Road, No. 7, 425-2738, [www.epetsplus.com](http://www.epetsplus.com). Or head to Dave's Dragons in Manchester, New Hampshire's only reptile and exotic pet store, carrying many species of geckos, pythons, boas, monitor lizards, snakes, turtles and scorpions, as well as a rainforest exhibit with a dwarf caiman. Hours at Dave's are Tuesday through Satur-

day 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Monday. The store is at 679 Mast Road, 606-2120, [www.davesdragons.com](http://www.davesdragons.com).

**31. Create a work of art.** Drop by the Currier Museum of Art for Family Summer Studio, Wednesdays in July and August, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Gain inspiration for an art activity from the artwork of the day. July 11, Watercolor Still Life; July 18, Pastel Still Life; July 25, Still Life Collage; Aug. 1, Tree Techniques; Aug. 8, Creating Clouds; Aug. 15, Wet Weather; Aug. 22, Majestic Mountains, and Aug. 29, Winding Rivers. Free with museum admission of \$10 per adult, free for children younger than 18. The Currier is at 150 Ash St., Manchester, 669-6144, [www.currier.org](http://www.currier.org).

**32. See *The Wizard of Oz*,** the Majestic Theatre's presentation, featuring a large cast of all ages on Fridays and Saturdays, July 20, July 21, July 27 and July 28 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 29, at 2 p.m. Performances are held at The Manchester Community Music School's Holy Cross Hall at 2291 Elm St. Tickets are \$18 (\$15 for ages 65 and older, \$12 for ages 17 and younger) and can be purchased by visiting or calling the box office at 669-7649, online at [www.majestictheatre.net](http://www.majestictheatre.net), or at the door 30 minutes before the performance.

**33. See sidebar on page 18**

**34. Play Wiffle ball.** The lighter bat and ball make Wiffle ball a great choice for youngsters. Find a local ball field that isn't in use at town recreational areas or schools, so you can run the bases, or throw down your own "bases" in the backyard and make a game of it.

**35. Spend a day getting dizzy** at Canobie Lake Park, 85 N. Policy St. in Salem, 893-3506. Ride the roller coasters, spinning cups, ferris wheel and bumper cars, and let the littlest kids splash around at Castaway Island's watery fun area. There's also an arcade and plenty of carnival food to buy. Admission prices range from \$23 to \$33, free for those younger than 3. Go to [canobie.com](http://canobie.com) for hours, directions and videos.

**36. Take a guided horseback trail ride or enjoy a teddy bear picnic** at Charmingfare Farm in Candia on a gentle horse with a name like Tex, Doc or Skip. Rides are approximately 1½ hours long and are given by reservation only, \$60 per person. Children must be at least 10 years old and accompanied by one parent on the ride. Book online at [www.visitthefarm.com](http://www.visitthefarm.com) or call 483-5623. On Saturday, July 14, Charmingfare will host a teddy bear picnic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., free with regular admission of \$17 per person (free for children younger than 2), with teddy bear check-ups, bear games, a bear parade and a chance to meet the farm's black bear keeper. The farm is at 774 High St., [www.visitthefarm.com](http://www.visitthefarm.com).

**37. Have a water balloon fight.** Fill your own water balloons at the hose at home to cool off, or head to Victorian Park Family Entertainment Center in Salem, 350 N. Broadway, 898-1803, where one of the attractions is Water Wars, described as a two-person water balloon bash. The cost is \$3 per person for six balloons, \$6 per person for 12 balloons, or \$10 per person for 24 balloons. Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

**38. Go on a treasure hunt.** Ultimate Treasure Hunts is an ongoing community-wide interactive text-messaging game that began on Mother's Day weekend in Portsmouth

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# #33 GO TO KIDZ NITE ...



Kids get up close and personal with live animals during Kidz Nite, part of Londonderry's Old Home Day celebration. Photo courtesy of the Londonderry Commerce and Visitor Center.

... Thursday, Aug. 16, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Londonderry's 113th Old Home Day celebration on the town common off Mammoth Road. Activities for families with children age 10 and younger will include clowns, bounce houses, food and entertainment, as well as performances by Judy Pancoast, Wildlife Encounters, Miss Londonderry and The Roaming Railroad. The Old Home Day celebration runs from Wednesday, Aug. 15, through Sunday, Aug. 19. See [www.OLDHOMEDAYS.COM](http://www.OLDHOMEDAYS.COM) for a schedule.

but can be played anytime during July and August by downloading a map. Participants pay \$9.99 and sign up on the website, providing their name, cell number and contact info to get clues and treasure. Circles on the map mark locations players must find to answer the clues that are texted to them. Players text a response and follow the text to the next clue. Participating stores send players treasure while they navigate. Proceeds benefit the Seacoast Mental Health Center. See [www.uthunts.com](http://www.uthunts.com) for detailed instructions.

**39. Camp in your own backyard.** If you missed the Great American Backyard Campout on June 23, don't despair — there is still plenty of summer left. Find tips to make your experience a smooth one at the Appalachian Mountain Club's website, [www.greatkids.outdoors.org/2012/06/backyard-and-urban-camping-trips.html](http://www.greatkids.outdoors.org/2012/06/backyard-and-urban-camping-trips.html).

**40. Enjoy a town common concert.** Several area towns hold free summer concerts on their commons, including Windham, Bow and Milford. See the Windham Community Band perform on Sunday, Aug. 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; visit [www.windhamcommunityband.com](http://www.windhamcommunityband.com). Milford's lunchtime summer concert series starts Thursday, July 12, with a show by the band Deep Hole Road, and continues Thursdays at noon through Aug. 2 on the Milford Oval. Bring a picnic lunch or buy one on the spot for \$5. Call 249-0676 or visit [milfordimprovementteam.org](http://milfordimprovementteam.org).

**41. Watch the planes** taking off and landing at the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. One spot where people can frequently be seen watching is off Delta Drive. Look for a sign for McGuire Pet Cemetery and that's the turn for Delta Drive, which is off Harvey Road in Londonderry. The road is slightly elevated, affording a view of the airport's runway. Another potential viewing spot is in the parking lot of the Triangle Mall, off South Willow Street in Manchester (GPS: 2075 S. Willow St.). As a side note, if your family ventures in to the McGuire Pet Cemetery, you'll see gravestones for two police canines from the Manchester and Londonderry police departments, as well as a gravestone for "Buffy Sullivan." Local posts report that this dog was a "mascot" for a service station on the corner of Routes 3 and 28, where a statue of the dog reportedly sat atop a pile of gravel, with a giant water dish for visiting pooches always available.

**42. Catch a free movie at your local library.** Manchester City Library's main branch (405 Pine St., 624-6550) is showing *Legends of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole* on Monday, July 23, at 1 p.m. in the auditorium, as well as many other free movies throughout the summer. Visit [www.manchesternh.gov/website/library](http://www.manchesternh.gov/website/library). Nashua Public Library is showing *Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows* (PG-13) on Wednesday, Aug. 1, at 7 p.m. Check out your local



# #54 HAS YOUR CHILD'S FAVORITE STUFFED ANIMAL SUFFERED A BOO-BOO?



Volunteer doctors and health professionals provide some TLC for favorite stuffed toys in need of repair at the Children's Museum's Teddy Bear Clinic. Photo courtesy of the Children's Museum of New Hampshire.

Children can bring any stuffed animals in need of a little TLC to the Children's Museum of New Hampshire's annual Teddy Bear Clinic and Tea Party on Wednesday, Aug. 8. Volunteer health professionals and doctors will be on hand to do check-ups and perform minor surgery on stuffed animals at the clinic from 10 a.m. to noon. Juice, animal crackers and fruit will be served during the tea party afterward, from noon to 12:30 p.m. The event is free with museum admission of \$9 (seniors \$8, children younger than 12 months free). The museum is at 6 Washington St., Dover, 742-2002, [www.childrens-museum.org](http://www.childrens-museum.org).

library's calendar of events for free movies.

**43. Kick off fair season** by attending the Stratham Fair, one of the oldest country fairs in New England, July 19 through July 22. Gates open at 8 a.m. The fair will have new and old events, including favorites like the lobster festival, pie-eating contest, pig scramble, horse pulls, lasagna supper and dunking booth. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and ages 6 through 12, free for children younger than 6. Tickets can be purchased online, where you can view special discount days and download a coupon. The Stratham Fair is at Stratham Park, Route 33, 772-4977, [www.strathamfair.com](http://www.strathamfair.com).

**44. Learn about local history.** Visit Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth on Saturday, Aug. 4, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. for Community Day. Admission is free with a donation of a nonperishable food item, one per person, to be donated to a local food bank. Visitors get to experience what life was like for the many "generations who settled in the Portsmouth 'Puddle Dock' community from the late 17th century to the mid-20th century." See restored houses, exhibits, landscapes and gardens and listen to interpretive stories, at 14 Hancock St., 433-1100, [www.strawberrybanke.org](http://www.strawberrybanke.org).

**45. Go out to breakfast** at MaryAnn's Diner in Derry, a retro eatery, where the politicians like to eat and greet. In addition to the possibility of seeing campaigning politicians, diners have been known to be treated to an impromptu staff performance of such oldies as "Blue Suede Shoes." Breakfast is served seven days a week; lunch is served

weekdays only and not on holidays. Hours are Monday through Saturday 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 29 E. Broadway, 434-5785, [www.maryannsdiner.com](http://www.maryannsdiner.com).

**46. Find out where your food comes from** at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire's Local Roots Food Fair, Wednesday, July 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. At this indoor event, the museum, in partnership with Hannaford Supermarkets, will present free food samples featured in Hannaford's "Close to Home" program. Try fresh fruit, Cabot cheese and Stonyfield yogurt, and get recipes to take home. Seacoast Local's ReRootEd program will lead sensory activities, including a chance to try edible plants and herbs. Check out the museum's own indoor and outdoor fruit and vegetable garden. The event is free with museum admission of \$9 (seniors \$8, children younger than 1 free). The museum is at 6 Washington St., Dover, 742-2002, [www.childrens-museum.org](http://www.childrens-museum.org).

**47. Visit the oldest Statehouse** in the nation in which the legislature still occupies its original chambers. It's our very own Statehouse in Concord, which is open year-round for guided tours scheduled for groups of 10 or more and self-guided tours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 107 N. Main St. in Concord, 271-2154, [www.ci.concord.nh.us/tourest/stateshs/](http://www.ci.concord.nh.us/tourest/stateshs/).

**48. Listen to traditional Native American tales** by a campfire on the banks of the Merrimack River, as part of the Amoskeag Fishways' Family Friday on Aug. 17, from 7

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**49. Attend a Music-by-the Sea concert** on the grounds of the Seacoast Science Center in Rye on Thursday, July 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. and see a performance by the Jumbo Circus Peanuts. Gates open at 5 p.m.; music begins at 6 p.m. Bring a beach blanket or chairs and your own picnic, or purchase hot-off-the-grill fare, snacks and ice cream treats. Adults can enjoy a glass of wine or ice-cold beer. Please don't bring your own alcohol. All proceeds support the center's environmental education efforts. Admission is \$8 for ages 13 and older, \$2 for ages 3-12, free for ages 3 and younger. The center is at 570 Ocean Blvd. in Rye, 436-8043, [www.seacoastsciencecenter.org](http://www.seacoastsciencecenter.org).

**50. Join the 35th Annual Loon Festival** on Saturday, July 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Loon Center in Moultonborough, rain or shine. Admission is free. There will be crafts and balloons, wildlife exhibits, food and beverages, face painting, storytelling and the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center Discovery Table with animal exhibits, all at 185 Lee's Mill Road in Moultonborough. Call 476-5666 or visit [www.loon.org](http://www.loon.org).

**51. See the new planetarium show** "Perfect Little Planet" at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord, July 5 through Sept. 2. It shows our solar system through the eyes of a family from another star system. Planetarium admission is free for Plus Level members and children age 2 and younger. \$4 per person, per show add-on to General Admission ticket. Tickets sold until 10 minutes prior to show time. General admission: adults \$9, children (age 3-12) \$6, seniors (age 62 and older) \$8, groups of 15 or more \$6 per person. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday nights 6:30 to 9 p.m., at 2 Institute Drive, Concord, 271-7827, [www.starhop.com](http://www.starhop.com).

**52. Kids can attend the Let's Go program** at Great Bay Discovery Center in Greenland, on Thursdays, July 19 and Aug. 16, 1-2:30 p.m. For ages 7 through 11, \$5 per child, the Let's Go program is part of a national initiative to get kids outside. Center naturalists provide well-supervised play around the Discovery Center, at 89 Depot Road, Greenland, 778-0015, [www.greatbay.org](http://www.greatbay.org).

**53. Got a budding engineer** who needs some time out of the sun? Check out the new location of The Build Station in the Rockingham Park Mall in Salem. For \$10 per child, kids can get an all-day pass to stay and build as long as they like (accompanied by one adult, who gets free admission) or to come and go throughout the day. Kids get to build with simple matchsticks and Popsicle sticks, or with K'nex, UberStix and Lego building parts. There's a selection of exhibits, such as race cars, skyscrapers, robots and Ferris wheels, and activities geared for hands-on learning and fun. The charge for an extra adult accompanying the child is \$5. Hours are the same as the mall's: Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Build Station is in the former Borders Express store, across from RadioShack, 685-3977, [www.thebuildstation.com](http://www.thebuildstation.com).

**54. See sidebar on page 19**

**55. Dr. Seuss fans can see *Seussical Jr.*** on Friday, July 20, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 21, at 2 p.m. at the Capitol Center for the Arts

in Concord (44 South Main St., [www.ccanh.com](http://www.ccanh.com)). See all your favorite Dr. Seuss characters brought to life, including Horton the Elephant and The Cat in the Hat. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online, or by calling the box office at 225-1111. The show is recommended for all ages.

**56. Visit a historic working farm** at the New Hampshire Farm Museum, 1305 White Mountain Highway (Route 125) Milton, 652-7840, [www.farmmuseum.org](http://www.farmmuseum.org). View agricultural exhibits and displays of carriages and tractors, and visit with the Farm Museum's sheep flock. Take a guided tour of the historic Jones Farmhouse and barn. Visit the Country Store, explore trails through the woods, or bring lunch and have a picnic on the grounds. It's open through Oct. 14, Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The last farmhouse tour leaves at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors/students, \$4 for children 4-17, or \$20 for families (two adults and their children or grandchildren).

**57. Check out a production at the Palace Theatre**, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588, like a musical rendition of *The Little Mermaid* on Tuesday, Aug. 14, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 15, at 10 a.m. or Thursday, Aug. 16, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 per person, including babes in arms. Purchase tickets online at [www.palacetheatre.org](http://www.palacetheatre.org) up to 24 hours before the show, or by phone at 668-5588.

**58. Visit a regional museum.** Many local libraries offer cardholders a chance to borrow museum passes for free admission or reduced rates to places in New Hampshire, such as Canterbury Shaker Village, the Currier Museum of Art, the Fells Historic Estate and Gardens in Newbury, and in Massachusetts, like the Boston Museum of Science and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Contact your local library to find out what passes it has.

**59. Go camping** at Pawtuckaway State Park Campground along the shores of Pawtuckaway Lake in Nottingham. Each of the 195 campsites has an open fireplace, picnic table, flat area for a tent and a parking space. According to [www.nhstateparks.org](http://www.nhstateparks.org), this campground has "running water, flush toilets, a camp store, boat launch and canoe and kayak rentals are available." Also five cabins are available to sleep six people, with electricity, and an outside fire ring and picnic table. The campground is open for stays by reservation through Oct. 14. Reservations may be made online at [www.newhampshirestateparks.reserveamerica.com](http://www.newhampshirestateparks.reserveamerica.com) or by calling ReserveAmerica at 877-647-2757. Rates vary from \$25 to \$65 per night. Call 895-3031.

**60. Visit the Annalee Doll Museum** in Meredith. The museum tells the story of Annalee Thorndike, who began making dolls as a girl and transformed her hobby into a thriving business that has continued for decades. The exterior of the museum recreates Annalee's childhood home in Concord. View a massive collection of dolls, from every decade of Annalee's career. A wooded picnic and play area are located outside the museum, at 44 Reservoir Road, off Route 3, 279-6542, [www.annalee.com](http://www.annalee.com). The Annalee Outlet is at Olde Province Commons, 71 NH Route 104, Meredith, open seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**61. See sidebar above**

**62. Download a copy of New Hampshire's 2012 Ice Cream Trail** and see how

# #61 WATCH THE BALL PYTHONS EAT LUNCH...



...at the Massabesic Audubon Center on Sundays at 11:30 a.m., and then watch the raven get its meal at 12:30 p.m. Learn about these animals' habits and diets, and you might even get to touch the snakes. It's free, at 26 Audubon Way, Auburn, 668-2045, [www.nhaudubon.org](http://www.nhaudubon.org).

many stops you and your family can make this summer for the sweet treat. Thirty-two locations are listed and mapped. See [www.nhdairypromo.org](http://www.nhdairypromo.org).

**63. Be inspired by the Olympics** and get active. The 2012 Olympic Games kick off in London on July 27 and run through Aug. 12. See [www.london2012.com](http://www.london2012.com) to check out schedules, learn about athletes and keep track of results. Then gather the family for an old-fashioned game of kickball, a hula-hoop contest, a jump rope competition or a backyard obstacle course. Call the neighbors and make it a community contest.

**64. Meet George Washington** and watch history come alive at the 22nd American Independence Festival on July 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the American Independence Museum in Exeter, rain or shine. A crowd will escort President Washington down Water Street, and the Declaration of Independence will be delivered via horseback, followed by a public reading, complete with hecklers. Brace yourself for the cannon and militia firings, and enjoy music by the Lincoln Fife and Drum, plus historic role-players, food and music, sidewalk sales and children's activities. Stay for music by the band Rhythm Method at 6:45 p.m. at the Swasey Parkway Bandstand and the Town of Exeter's evening fireworks display at 8:45 p.m. Admission is \$7 for events on the grounds of the Museum, free for members and children younger than 10. Events on Swasey Parkway are free, but donations are appreciated. The museum is at One Governor's Lane, Exeter, 772-2622, [www.independencemuseum.org](http://www.independencemuseum.org).

**65. See an outdoor musical.** Prescott Park Arts Festival in partnership with the Seacoast Repertory Theatre presents *Willy Wonka!* featuring songs from the classic film *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*. Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$5 to \$10. Prescott Park is GPS-located at 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, 436-2848, [www.prescottpark.org](http://www.prescottpark.org).

**66. Are the White Mountains calling you?** Take an easy hike on Square Ledge Trail. The Appalachian Mountain Club lists this short trail as a great hike for families, featuring an outlook from a ledge that rises

from the floor of Pinkham Notch on the side of Wildcat Mountain. Distance is ½ mile, with a gain in elevation of 500 feet. Estimated time for this hike is 30 minutes. To get there: From Pinkham Notch Visitor Center, follow the Lost Pond Trail to the junction of Lost Pond Trail and Square Ledge Trail. See [www.outdoors.org](http://www.outdoors.org) for more AMC-recommended trips.

**67. Go native at the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum's** 13th Annual Intertribal Powwow, July 14 and July 15, starting 10 a.m., with a grand entry Saturday at noon and a formal session Saturday at 6 p.m. Admission is \$8.50 for adults, \$6.50 for children or \$26 for a family. The Powwow will include drum competitions, craft vendors, museum tours and a chance to walk the Medicine Woods Trail. The museum is at 18 Highlawn Road, Warner, 456-2600, [www.indianmuseum.org](http://www.indianmuseum.org).


**68. Catch Fiesta de Musica 2012**, a show hosted by the Muchachos Drum and Bugle Corps on Sunday, July 15, at 5:30 p.m. at Memorial High School's Clem Lemire Sports Complex, 1 Crusader Way, Manchester. The Fiesta de Musica is a Drum Corps International Open Class competition, featuring drum and bugle corps with performers younger than 22. Drum and bugle corps scheduled to appear include the 7th Regiment from Connecticut, the Raiders from New Jersey, the Spartans of Nashua and the St. Kevin Emerald Knights from Boston. Tickets can be ordered online at [www.muchachos.org](http://www.muchachos.org): \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and children younger than 12.

**69. Enjoy a beach that's not on the seacoast.** Allen Albee Beach is a quiet beach offering swimming and picnicking on the shores of Lake Wentworth in Wolfeboro. Ride bikes on the Cotton Valley Trail to downtown Wolfeboro for ice cream or lunch. Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Aug. 26, and the beach is open sunrise to sunset year-round. It's east of Route 28 across from "The Nick" Recreation Park, two miles north off Route 109A. See [www.wolfeboronh.us](http://www.wolfeboronh.us) or call 569-6332.

**70. Visit Chester Village Cemetery**, one of the oldest cemeteries in the state, and read the tombstones for a strolling history lesson. Located at the corner of Route 102 and Route



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121 in Chester, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. The North Cemetery is another old graveyard, located in Portsmouth on Maplewood Avenue; William Whipple, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, is buried there.

**71. Rainy day sanity-saver:** Engage in a New England tradition and go candlepin bowling. The balls are smaller and lighter and the alleys often have glow-bowling, a kid favorite. Check out [www.bowlcandlepin.com](http://www.bowlcandlepin.com) for a list of candlepin bowling alleys in New Hampshire.

**72. Race car enthusiasts** will want to attend the free Fan Fest on Thursday, July 12, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at the S2 Broadway Midway at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon. Hosted by WOKQ 97.5, the event will feature driver appearances and Q&A time with the night's special guest, AJ Allmendinger, at 7 p.m. At 6 p.m. the Sprint Cup Series hauler parade will roll through. A concert by the local Eric Grant Band will close the evening at 9 p.m. Kids might like to see the NASCAR Breakdown that will show fans the inside of a car, or visit the balloon and caricature artists. Call 783-4931 or visit [www.nhms.com](http://www.nhms.com).

**73. Attend the Prescott Park Kids Festival,** Saturday, July 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., which will feature performances by Wayne from Maine, Mary Kaye & Professor von Weinersnitzel and Julie & Brownie. Admission is free with donations suggested. Reserve a table or blanket online, or order a boxed lunch. GPS: 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, 03802, Prescott Park Arts Festival, 436-2848, [www.prescottpark.org](http://www.prescottpark.org).

**74. Visit the Robert Frost Farm,** which was home to Robert Frost and his family in the early 1900s. Frost reportedly drew inspiration from his years at the Derry farm to write many of his acclaimed poems. Tour the house, walk the trails and learn about Frost's life and times. The grounds are perfect for a picnic. Before or after your visit, check out a book of Frost's poetry from your local library and introduce your kids to a man whose work is a national treasure. The Frost Farm is at 122 Rockingham Road, Derry, 432-3091, [www.robertfrostfarm.org](http://www.robertfrostfarm.org).

**75. Manchester Monarchs fans** won't want to miss Summer Fan Fest on Saturday, July 28, a free event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Verizon Wireless Arena, 555 Elm St. in downtown Manchester. See the second annual Street Hockey Tournament, meet and greet former Monarchs players, and enjoy a bounce house, obstacle course, dunk tank and photo opportunities with Max and some of his mascot friends. Call 626-7825, ext. 6118, or visit [www.manchestermonarchs.com](http://www.manchestermonarchs.com).

**76. Take in some living history** on Saturday, Aug. 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at four locations in Hillsborough: Jones Road, the President Franklin Pierce Homestead, historic Hillsborough Center and downtown Hillsborough. See re-enactors from the French and Indian War and the Civil War, the South Carolina String Band and a portrayal of Benjamin Franklin by Dean Bennett. Visitors can take a horse and buggy ride, tour the President Franklin Pierce Homestead, pan for gold and watch pottery and blacksmith demos. Visitors can also try their hand at an antique tabletop printing press or a traditional cider press. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for age 64 and older, \$5 for ages 6-17, free for ages 5 and younger.

## #85 CHECK OUT THE SPLASHPAD...



The Splashpad offers kids a place to cool off and play at Don Ball Park in Derry. Photo courtesy of Derry Parks and Recreation.

...at Don Ball Park, 14 Humphrey Road, Derry, 432-6078, [www.derry.nh.us](http://www.derry.nh.us), where various gadgets sprinkle, splash and dump water. Free of charge, except for organized groups. Park managers ask to be notified if more than 10 people are attending as a group.

Discounted online tickets are available until Aug. 12. Tickets will be available the day of the event at all locations. Call 464-5858 or visit [www.livinghistoryeventnh.com](http://www.livinghistoryeventnh.com).

**77. Bring a fistful of quarters** to Funspot on Route 3 in Weirs, known as the largest arcade in the world with more than 500 games. Play new and classic video games, pinball, bumper cars, kiddie rides, minigolf (indoor and outdoor), bowling and more, and grab a bite to eat at the restaurant on premises. Funspot also contains the American Classic Arcade Museum and was featured in the 2007 film *The King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters*. It's open every day all year except Christmas; summer hours are generally 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., open till midnight Saturdays, but hours in late August and early September are subject to change, so call ahead. There's no admission charge; just pay as you play. Funspot is at 579 Endicott St. North, Laconia, 366-4377, [funspotnh.com](http://funspotnh.com).

**78. Bring the family on a cruise** of Lake Winnepesaukee for Mount Washington Cruises' Family Party Night, any Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. through Aug. 24. Tickets include a buffet dinner and a second entrée. Live music and dancing are featured on two decks, and there's entertainment geared toward kids and families. Boarding time is 5:15 p.m. Children 12 and younger ride free, with a limit of two free children per family (except for those younger than 4). Additional youth (age 13-16) tickets can be purchased for \$10 off the adult ticket price, or \$33. Ages 17 and older pay \$43. Head to 211 Lakeside Avenue, Weirs Beach, 366-5531, or buy tickets online at [www.cruisenh.com](http://www.cruisenh.com).

**79. Another rainy day sanity-saver:** Head to Nuthin' but Good Times in Merrimack for open play, every day. Kids can burn off energy in the indoor play facility on equipment that makes exercising fun. Hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rates: \$9 for age 4 and older; \$5.50 for age 3 and younger; \$2.50 for crawlers; free for infants, \$2.50 for adults (18 and

older). The gym is at 746 DW Highway, 429-2200, [www.nuthinbutgoodtimes.com](http://www.nuthinbutgoodtimes.com).

**80. See the 1st New Hampshire Volunteer Cavalry Regiment Encampment and Demonstration** during the Civil War 150th Anniversary Commemoration Weekend, Saturday, Aug. 18, and Sunday, Aug. 19, at Weirs Beach. No fee, but donations accepted. On Sunday, there will be a cookout, then a presentation by President Lincoln portrayed by Steve Wood at 1:30 p.m. Call the New Hampshire Veterans Association at 366-4470 or visit [www.thenhva.org](http://www.thenhva.org).

**81. See classic cars at Chester's Cruisin' Car Night,** which coincides with a farmers market hosted by the Chester Congregational & Baptist Church, Thursday, July 19, from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy food, ice cream, raffles and music. Rain date is July 26. The market is held at 4 Chester St., 887-4799, [www.chesternh.org](http://www.chesternh.org), and Cruisin' Car Night happens across the street from the church.

**82. Join or watch a summer fun run** at Londonderry High School's track (due to renovations of Pinkerton Academy's track) sponsored by the Greater Derry Track Club, July 17, July 24, July 31 and Aug. 7. Registration begins at 6 p.m.; races start at 6:30 p.m. Participation is free with donation of a nonperishable food item weekly. Members of the club offer running tips and lead stretching exercises. Runners are grouped according to age. Participation ribbons are given each week. Gatorade, water and watermelons are available. Londonderry High School is at 295 Mammoth Road. Visit [www.gdtc.org](http://www.gdtc.org).

**83. See a Wildlife Encounters show** on Wednesday, July 18, at 1:30 p.m. at Hood Park in Derry (4 Rollins St.). The W.I.L.D. Center and Zoological Park of New England will be bringing some animals normally seen in Africa, as part of Hood Park's World Travelers week and African Safari Day. Arrive early, as this is a very popular and free event. All ages are welcome. Call 432-6138 or visit [www.derry-nh.org](http://www.derry-nh.org).

**84. Tell your kids they're going to be "American Pickers" for a day.** Scour your

local paper for the day's garage and yard sales, make a list, set your GPS and see what treasures you can find. For inspiration, watch an episode of *American Pickers* on the History Channel before you go.

**85. See sidebar at left**

**86. Head to the Annual Hampton Beach Children's Festival,** Aug. 13 through Aug. 17. Events begin on Monday with a magic show by BJ Hickman at the Hampton Beach Seashell Stage at 10 a.m., and end with the Giant Costume Parade on Friday. Additional events during the week include mini-golf, sand castle building competitions, storytelling, dancing, a talent show, a kids' bumper sticker contest and fireworks. All activities are free and open to the public. Call the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce office at 926-8717, or see [www.hamptonbeach.com](http://www.hamptonbeach.com).

**87. Become an archaeologist for a day:** Print out the Kids Tour Guide Map available at [www.stonehengeusa.com](http://www.stonehengeusa.com) and visit America's Stonehenge in Salem, 105 Haverhill Road, 893-8300, to explore the maze of manmade stone chambers and walls. Find the answers to clues on the Guide at various stops. A word search and maze are included. Kids can learn about theories surrounding who built America's Stonehenge and decide which they think is best. Be sure to see the eight alpacas that share the property. America's Stonehenge is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with last admission at 4 p.m. Adults \$11, seniors (65 and older) \$9.50, children age 6-12 \$7.50, age 5 and younger free.

**88. Celebrate Field of Dreams Playground's 20th anniversary** on Saturday, July 21, from noon to 6 p.m. Festivities include food, a concert, raffles, children's games, volleyball tournament, scavenger hunt and more. The playground is at 48 Geremonty Drive, Salem, [www.fieldofdreamsnh.org](http://www.fieldofdreamsnh.org).

**89. Go to the Hay Day Family Festival** at the Fells on Saturday, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and enjoy face painting, a petting zoo, live animals from Animals of New England, old-fashioned games, art projects, a scavenger hunt, live music and food. Take a guided tour of the historic Main House and gardens, and explore nature trails and the Fairy Village. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, \$4 for ages 6-17, free for ages 5 and younger. Families of two adults and two or more children age 6 and older: \$25. Gardens and trails are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Main House and shop are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, through Sept. 3, at 456 Route 103A, Newbury, 763-4789, [www.thefells.org](http://www.thefells.org).

**90. Whoop it up at Hood Park's Carnival Day** on Wednesday, Aug. 8, starting at 1 p.m., with carnival-style games for all ages and skills levels. Children may purchase a bag of 13 coins for 25 cents to use toward games. Kids collect tickets at each game played and redeem them for prizes at the end of the day. Rain date is Thursday, Aug. 9. Hood Park is at 4 Rollins St., Derry, 431-6168, [www.derry-nh.org](http://www.derry-nh.org).

**91. Find a swimming hole.** Diana's Bath is in North Conway on Lucy Brook, with crystal clear, cold water that is reportedly great for a dip. Directions are provided at [www.swimmingholes.org/nh](http://www.swimmingholes.org/nh). Be aware that many areas of the White Mountain National Forest are now requiring vehicles to get an all-week, seven-day pass for \$5, though at some areas you can reportedly buy a one-site parking pass for \$3. Sculptured Rocks in Groton is another well-known natural swimming spot, accessi-



ble via Exit 23 of Interstate 93. As always, parents need to exercise lots of caution: Be extra careful of kids on slippery rocks, watch for currents, check water temperatures (it can be chilly!) and use good judgment when assessing a child's ability to swim in a natural swimming hole.

**92. Spend a day in Dover** and enjoy a morning concert in the Cochecho Arts Festival Children's Series at the Henry Law Park on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. After the concert, visit the Children's Museum of New Hampshire right next door. The series includes BJ Hickman Magic Shows on July 10; Dan Hickman on July 17; Sammie Haynes on July 24; Judy Pancoast on July 31; Wayne from Maine on Aug. 7, and Farmer Jason on Aug. 14. Admission is free. Call 742-2218 or visit [www.cochechoartsfestival.org](http://www.cochechoartsfestival.org).

**93. Look up at the Hillsborough Balloon Festival and Fair**, July 19 through July 22, with balloon flights over the Monadnock region available to the general public (not cheap), along with tethered flights for those who are feeling more cautious. Balloon lift-offs happen each day at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., weather permitting. On land, there's a carnival midway, a hometown parade, an artists fair, a road race, live entertainment and food. Saturday night, watch the fireworks (again, weather permitting). Admission to the festival is free, but some other events have a nominal fee. It all takes place at Grimes Field. Parking is \$5 per vehicle. Call 464-0377 or visit [www.balloonfestival.org](http://www.balloonfestival.org).

**94. See "the best fireworks show in New England"** at the 23rd Festival of Fireworks in Jaffrey, Saturday, Aug. 18, rain or shine, with live music, a skydiving exhibition, food and novelty items and games for children of all ages. This year's theme is "Rock the Stars!" Gates open at 4 p.m.; plan to have your spot picked out for fireworks by 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce, 532-4549, and online at [www.jaffreychamber.com](http://www.jaffreychamber.com) through Aug. 6 only. Children 10 and younger get in free; walk-in tickets for adults cost \$8 advanced sale, or \$10 on the day of the fireworks. Pricing is available online at [www.jaffreychamber.com/events/fireworks](http://www.jaffreychamber.com/events/fireworks) for packages that include parking and VIP parking.

**95. The trucks are coming** to Big Truck Day on Wednesday, July 11, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Alvirne High School parking lot at 200 Derry Road, Hudson. See and explore fire trucks, police trucks and other kinds of trucks. The event is sponsored by the Rodgers Memorial Library of Hudson, 886-6030, [childrensroom@rodgerslibrary.org](mailto:childrensroom@rodgerslibrary.org).

**96. See original musical adaptations** of favorite fairy and folk tales, when five professional actors from the Papermill Children's Theatre Company perform on Tuesdays throughout the summer at the Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, [www.ccanh.com](http://www.ccanh.com). Admission is \$6. Performances are at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and run for 30 minutes. Meet the cast after the show and get autographs. The schedule includes *The Golden Bird* on July 17, *Thumbelina* on July 24, *The Elves and the Shoemaker* on July 31, *Sleeping Beauty* on Aug. 7, *Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs* on Aug. 14 and *Rumpelstiltskin* on Aug. 21.

**97. Rent a canoe or kayak** from the Contoocook River Canoe Co. A great option for families is to rent and put in to the Contoocook River at the compa-

ny's beach, paddle up or down the river as far as you want and return to the beach. The company's website says an easy two-mile paddle upriver will bring you to Daisy Beach, "a great beach for swimming and picnicking." Reservations are highly recommended. On Thursday evenings the company offers an evening paddle with put in from their beach only, 5 to 7 p.m., and rental rates for all kayaks and canoes \$12 each. Contoocook River Canoe Co. is at 9 Horse Hill Road, Concord, 753-9804, [www.contoocookcanoe.com](http://www.contoocookcanoe.com).

**98. Ride go-karts** at Funway Park in Litchfield. Drivers must be at least 18 years old and at least 58 inches tall to drive. Child passengers ride free if they're less than 58 inches tall. Go-kart rides are \$8 per ride or \$35 for five rides. The track is 1/5 of a mile long with hairpin turns and a bridge. Fun Packs for \$25 and Funway Park All Day Passes for unlimited activities at \$45 are also available for sale and include other attractions in addition to go-karts, such as batting cages, mini golf, laser tag and a driving range. The park is at 454 Charles Bancroft Highway (Route 3A), 424-2292, [www.mels-funwaypark.com](http://www.mels-funwaypark.com).

**99. Go bird- or butterfly-watching.** New Hampshire residents Don and Lillian Stokes keep a blog at [www.stokesbirdingblog.blogspot.com](http://www.stokesbirdingblog.blogspot.com) that offers loads of information about bird-watching and has some recent info about butterflies, too, including photographs. The Stokeses are TV personalities and best-selling authors of bird field guides and nature books. Check out one of their books at a local library and be inspired to grab some binoculars and find some feathered friends.

**100. Get out a deck of playing cards, the old Battleship game, or Uno, and play!** Remember how long it takes to finish a game of Monopoly or Life? Does your child know how to play chess? Teach him or her, and if you don't know how, a starter chess set is a good way for you and your kids to learn together. For game geeks, check out [www.playdatenr.wordpress.com](http://www.playdatenr.wordpress.com) for posted reviews of games ranging from Word Blur to Settlers of Catan to Dominion to Red Rover (yes, the old-fashioned kids' game). Look, too, for Play Date NH's gaming get-togethers, the second Thursday of the month (that means July 12) from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Winchell Room at Manchester City Library (405 Pine St., 624-6550) for ages 12 to 18 to learn, play and enjoy new card, strategy and board games. Play Date NH also gathers on the second Saturday of each month (next outing is July 14) from noon to 4 p.m. at Rodgers Memorial Library in Hudson (194 Derry Road, 816-4501, [www.rodgerslibrary.org](http://www.rodgerslibrary.org)) for an afternoon of board games, role-playing games, Wii games and more, for adults, kids and teens.

**101. Play some mini golf.** Legends Golf & Family Recreation Center at 18 Legends Drive in Hooksett, 627-0099, [www.legendsgolfnh.com](http://www.legendsgolfnh.com), has 18 holes around running streams and ponds, and holds tournaments on Tuesday nights. Adults pay \$8, kids 12 and younger \$6. Adult-and-child special is \$12, replays \$3. Hours are 10 a.m. to dusk, seven days a week. Mel's Funway Park in Litchfield, Brookstone Park in Derry and Victorian Park in Salem also offer mini golf — and they all sell ice cream, too.

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### Friday, July 13

Grab some friends and stop in at Dancing Lion Chocolate, 917 Elm St., Manchester (across from Ted Herbert's Music & Arts) for a chance to dip things in gourmet chocolate. The shop is holding its Fun Fondue Friday all day, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.: \$20 gets you a bowl of hot chocolate ganache plus a plate of treats for dipping. The ganache is a blend of milk and dark chocolates with a splash of dark rum. Reservations are recommended but not required. Call 625-4043.



### Thursday, July 12

InTown Manchester brings Vaud and the Villains to Veterans Park for a free outdoor summer concert at 7 p.m.; Josh Logan and Paul Costley will be performing, too. The California-based Villains are a 19-piece orchestra performing 1930s New Orleans-style shows. Veterans Park is the one downtown, on Elm Street across from the Radisson. In their online calendar entry for this show ([www.vaudandthevillains.com](http://www.vaudandthevillains.com)), the Villains tell visitors: "bring your own tattered souls, your secrets and your sins ... we'll bring everything else." See story on page 62. Pictured: Villain tuba player Two Boots, photo by Maarten De Boer.



### Saturday, July 14

The 13th Annual Intertribal Powwow at Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner (18 Highlawn Road) begins at 10 a.m. and will include a drum competition for the first time this year (participants need to pre-register by Friday, July 13). There will be family-friendly activities, dance, arts & crafts and music, as well as food. A grand entry happens at noon and a formal session at 6 p.m. Walking Bear Singers and Black Thunder Singers will perform host drums. The Powwow continues Sunday, July 15, until 4 p.m. Admission is \$8.50 for adults, \$6.50 for children, with discounts for families, students and seniors. See [www.indianmuseum.org](http://www.indianmuseum.org).



### Saturday, July 14

Get some kitchen inspiration from Mary Ann Esposito, the host of *Ciao Italia* and author of 12 cookbooks, as she visits Warner Town Hall (5 Main St., Warner) for a book signing and question-and-answer session — plus a dessert buffet — at 7 p.m. It's the first event in Warner's 2012 Tory Hill Author Series, which will continue on July 21 with photojournalist William Hubbell. Tickets are \$7 per event or \$30 for the series and may be purchased at the door or at [www.toryhillauthorseries.com](http://www.toryhillauthorseries.com).



### Tuesday, July 17

Cinema Mardi returns: The Franco-American Centre of New Hampshire ([facnh.com](http://facnh.com)) hosts a free showing of *Coco Before Chanel* (2009, PG-13), a biopic about the famous French fashion designer who went from orphan to seamstress to Coco-ness, at 7 p.m. in the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College in Manchester. The film earned an Oscar nomination for costume design and stars Audrey Tautou (*The Da Vinci Code*) as Coco Chanel. It will be shown in French with English subtitles.

### Free: political film

On Sunday, July 15, gin up some righteous anger at money in politics — Republican politics, in this case — at a free showing of the one-hour documentary film *Koch Brothers Exposed* at 4:30 p.m. at Wilton Town Hall Theatre. The screening is sponsored by the New Hampshire Green Coalition, the Progressive Advocacy Network, and Women Making a Difference. Donations are welcome, and viewers may join a post-film discussion.

### Cheap: hopeful film

On Wednesday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m., Red River Theatres in Concord continues its "Green Living" series with a showing of the documentary *Fixing the Future*, in which public radio host David Brancaccio (*Marketplace*) visits communities trying different approaches to creating jobs, such as time banking, worker cooperatives and local currencies. Tickets cost \$9, or \$7.50 for students/military/62+. Visit [www.redrivertheatres.org](http://www.redrivertheatres.org).

### Splurge: play that was also a film

Tickets are \$15 (\$12 for students and seniors) to see *Grease* performed by the Teen Actorsingers on Friday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 21, at 2 or 7:30 p.m., or Sunday, July 22, at 2 p.m. at the Jan B. Streeter Theatre, 14 Court St., Nashua. Seats are reserved; buy tickets at [actorsingers.org](http://actorsingers.org) or by calling 320-1870.





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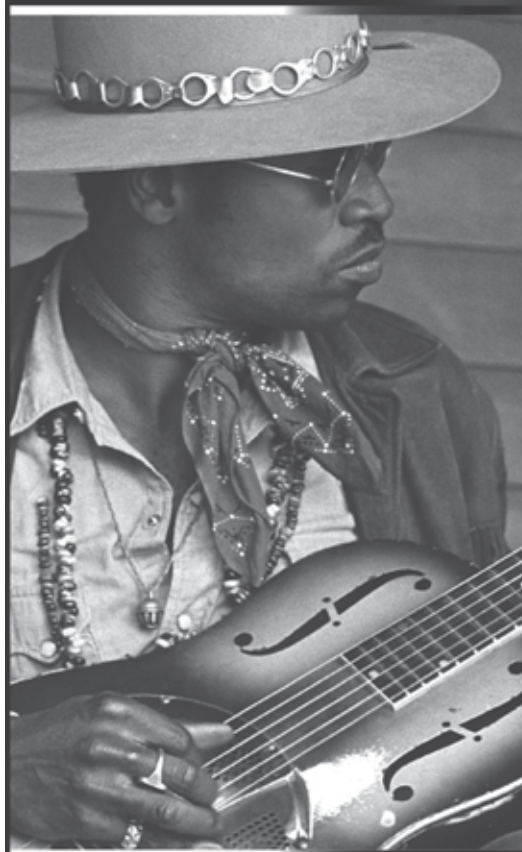
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# A Billy Shakes twist

The Bard slides across time to Hollywood

By Kelly Sennott  
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When the curtain rises at the Amato Center for *Shakespeare in Hollywood* on Friday, July 13, be ready for over-the-top characters, ridiculous love pairings and a far more intimate theater experience than you're used to.

The plot: It's 1934, and Shakespeare's most famous fairies, Oberon and Puck, materialize on the Warner Bros. set of Max Reinhardt's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The two are smitten by the glitz and glamour of showbiz, and so they become involved in the filming. After all, who could play Oberon and Puck better than Oberon and Puck? But things do not go according to plan, as so often happens in Shakespearean comedy. Love stories get tangled, and there are disagreements about the movie's script.

## Shakespeare in Hollywood

**Where:** The Amato Center, 56 Mont Vernon St., Milford

**When:** July 13 through July 22, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m.

**Cost:** \$12 (\$7 for seniors)

**Website:** milfordareaplayers.org

Viewers will feel the hilarity and ridiculousness particularly closely, as the action takes place within the audience.

Perhaps the cast is channeling Shakespeare in this production; Shakespeare's Globe Theater is known to create this effect — the line between the stage and the crowd disappears.

The expanded stage for this production is intended, in part, to give a cinematic effect. Wood cuts the stage in half and pushes everything forward: The back half is what occurs on the silver screen, and the front half encompasses everything that occurs on the acting set.

"Ordinarily, everything stays on stage, but here the audience is part of the stage," Wood said. "Much of the action occurs on the other side, within the audience. It gives the play a more intimate feel, and audiences becomes more invested in the characters."

Wood chose this play for the summer because of the tremendous writing and its quick-paced, witty twist on Shakespeare's *Midsummer Nights Dream*.

"I love Shakespeare, and I love projects that take a little twist on Shakespeare," Wood said. "But I also like the writer, Ken Ludwig." "The ... dialogue is written to be fast-paced

and quick-witted, requiring actors to think on their feet," Wood said. "I wanted to cast good actors and great people to work with — the cast has lots of chemistry, and I found that in this group."

Bob Haas, who will be playing Oberon, said that the writing and directing allow the actors to explore their characters.

"I like everything about being with this production — Ken Ludwig writes such wonderfully playful plays, and he leaves so much open to the actors to just run with and make their own," said Haas. "Mike Wood, as director, has mirrored this theme throughout the entire process. He has given us some specific things that we need to hit to make the show flow at top capacity, but has given us a wide range of freedom to just play and explore outside of that."

The Milford Area Players perform three shows each year. Each member is a volunteer, there for the love of acting.

Haas said he immediately identified with Oberon when he saw the script. His character in *Shakespeare in Hollywood* is far more dimensional than in Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*, which presented a challenge and a delight.



Bob Haas and Jenna Frasier rehearse for *Shakespeare in Hollywood*. Courtesy photo.

"The process of putting this project together has never once felt like work, but more like a group of childhood friends getting together to play and just have fun...I have always said that if the actors on stage are out there having fun, then the audience can't help but have fun along with them," Haas said. "This play has distilled down to the essence of entertainment in its purest form."

Visit milfordareaplayers.org.

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- **Actorsingers**  
219 Lake St., Nashua, 889-9691, actorsingers.org
- **Adams Memorial Opera House**  
29 W. Broadway, Derry, 437-0505, derryarts.org
- **Amato Family Center for the Performing Arts at Souhegan Valley Boys & Girls Club**  
56 Mont Vernon St., Milford, 672-1002, ext. 2, svbgc.com
- **Andy's Summer Playhouse**  
Wilton, 654-2613, andysummerplayhouse.org
- **Anselmian Abbey Players**  
Dana Center, 641-7700
- **Bedford Off Broadway**  
Meetinghouse Rd, Bedford, 557-1805, bedfordoffbroadway.com
- **Bedford Town Hall**  
70 Bedford Center Rd., Bedford
- **Bedford Youth Performing Company**  
155 Route 101, Bedford, www.bypc.org, 472-3894.
- **Belle Voci**  
bellevoci.org, 848-7986
- **Capitol Center for the Arts**  
44 Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com
- **Concord Chorale**  
224-0770, concordchorale.org
- **Concord City Auditorium**  
2 Prince St., Concord, 228-2793, www.theaudi.org
- **Concord Community Players**  
224-4905, communityplayersof

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- **The Dana Center**  
100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, 641-7700, anselm.edu
- **The Hampstead Theatre**  
1355 Suncook Valley Hwy., Ctr. Barnstead, 1-800-619-5302, www.hampsteadstage.org
- **The Majestic Theatre**  
281 Cartier St., Manchester, 669-7469, majestictheatre.net
- **Manchester Community Music School**  
2291 Elm St., 644-4548, mcmusicschool.org
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698 Beech St., Manchester, 627-8787
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- **Music and Drama Company (MADCo.)**  
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- **RB PRODUCTIONS'** Summer Youth Theatre Series will continue with *Godspell, Jr.*, Fri., July 13, at 7 p.m. and Sat., July 14, at 2 and 7 p.m. *Seussical, Jr.*, will be presented Fri., July 20, at 7 p.m. and Sat., July 21, at 2 p.m. at the Capitol Center for the Arts (44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com). Tickets are \$10.
- **PINKALICIOUS THE MUSICAL** will be performed on Fri., July 13, at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., and Sat., July 14, at 2 p.m. at Goffstown High School (27 Wallace Road, Goffstown), featuring members of the Goffstown High School Summer

Musical Theatre. Cupcake tea party with the cast follows. Tickets are \$8 general admission.

- **I DO! I DO!** will be presented by the Peterborough Players (55 Hadley Road, Peterborough, 924-7585, peterboroughplayers.org) through July 15. Tickets are \$25. Starring Olivier Award nominee Kirby Ward and real-life wife and Broadway actress Beverly Ward in a musical full of song and dance.
- **THE 39 STEPS** is a comedy whodunit Wed., July 18, through Sun., July 29, by Peterborough Players (55 Hadley Road, Peterborough, 924-7585, PeterboroughPlayers.org). Admission is \$37, \$39 on Saturdays. Play times are 8 p.m. Wed.-Sat., 4 p.m. on Sun., 7 p.m. Tues.
- **AN EVENING OF GRAND GUIGNOL: THEATRE OF TERROR** presented by the Players' Ring Late Night Summer Series runs two weekends, July 6-July 15, Fridays and Saturdays at 10 a.m., Sundays at 9 p.m. at 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth. Described as the "goriest theater ever seen on New Hampshire stages" by co-producer John Herman. Call 436-8123 or visit playersring.org to purchase tickets, which are \$12.
- **CINDERELLA** will be playing at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588) on Thurs., July 12, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 per person, including babes in arms. Visit palacetheatre.org.
- **BIG RIVER** is a play based on Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, produced by the Barnstormers Theatre (104 Main St., Tamworth, 323-8500) July 10-14. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m., Tuesday-

Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday matinee. Tickets are \$27-\$32 evenings, \$16-\$21 matinees. Call 323-8500 or visit barnstormerstheatre.org.

- **SHAKESPEARE IN HOLLYWOOD** will be presented at the Amato Center for the Performing Arts (56 Mont Vernon St., Route 13N, Milford) on the weekends of July 13-22, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. General admission is \$12. Visit MilfordAreaPlayers.org or call 673-2259.
- **LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN** will show at the Capitol Center of the Arts (44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111) on Mon., July 16, at 6:30 p.m. Offenbach's fictionalized take on the life and loves of the German Romantic writer E.T.A Hoffman. Tickets are \$20. Visit ccanh.com.
- **GREASE** performed by Teen Actorsingers on Fri., July 20, at 7:30 p.m., Sat., July 21, at 2 & 7:30 p.m., and Sun., July 22, at 2 p.m. at the Jan B. Streeter Theatre, 14 Court St., Nashua. Seats are reserved and tickets may be purchased online at actorsingers.org or by calling 320-1870. Admission is \$15 (\$12 for students and seniors).
- **AN EVENING OF UNFORTUNATE ENTERTAINMENT: 1982** will be presented by Not Your Mom's Musical Theater Sun., July 8, at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Church in Londonderry. Free. Visit notyourmomsmusicaltheater.com.
- **O'SHEA CHAPLIN IRISH STEP DANCERS** will present a free performance Thurs., July 12, at 11 a.m. as part of the Lowell Summer Music Series at Boarding House

Park (40 French St., Lowell, Mass.). Visit lowellsummermusic.org.

- **BACK IN THE '80S...THE TOTALLY AWESOME MUSICAL** presented by Kids Coop Theatre on Fri., July 20, at 7 p.m. and Sat., July 21, at 1 & 7 p.m. at the Memorial Opera House (29 E. Broadway, Derry, kids-coop-theatre.org). The play tells the story of the graduating class of William Ocean High School as they live through their senior year of high school in the '80s. Tickets are \$15 (\$12 for seniors and students and for matinee shows).
- **BARNSTORMERS THEATRE** (104 Main St., Tamworth, 323-8500, barnstormerstheatre.org) will present *Big River* July 10-14, *Painting Churches* July 17-21, *Leading Ladies* July 24-28, *Witness for the Prosecution* July 31-Aug. 4, *Our Town* August 7-11, *It Had to Be You* Aug. 14-18, *The Foreigner* Aug. 21-25, and *The Hound of the Baskervilles* Aug. 28-Sept. 1. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays.
- **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** will be presented by Leddy Center for the Performing Arts (38C Ladd's Lane, Epping, 679-2781, leddycenter.org) July 6-22 at its new theater at Verdant Pastures. Tickets are \$16-\$18.
- **PRESCOTT PARK ARTS FESTIVAL** (105 Marcy St., Portsmouth) will present Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka* Thurs.-Sun., June 29-Aug. 26. The festival's Shakespeare in Prescott Park series will present *A Midsummer Night's Dream* July 22 & 28 and Aug. 12 & 19 at 2 p.m. and a Sept. 1 evening performance (time



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#### Auditions/open calls

• **OPEN AUDITIONS** for Nashua Theatre Guild's production of *Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean* by Ed Graczyk on Thurs., July 12, 6:30-9 p.m. at the YMCA, 6 Henry Clay Drive, Merrimack. Bring head shot and resume to audition; readings from script will be provided. Monologues not required, but please attempt a Texas dialect. Needs 8 women (18-60), one man (18-20). Show dates Oct. 11-14. Call 365-6040 or email [remake@comcast.net](mailto:remake@comcast.net) or visit [NashuaTheatreGuild.org](http://NashuaTheatreGuild.org).

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• **CALL FOR AUDITIONS** through Nashua Actorsingers for upcoming show, *Annie*. Informational night on Tue., July 31, at 7 p.m. at Actorsingers Hall (219 Lake St., Nashua, [actorsingers.org](http://actorsingers.org), 889-9691). Auditions will be Sun., Aug. 12 (children 1-5 p.m., adults 6-10 p.m.), Mon., Aug. 13 (adult auditions, 7-10 p.m.), and Tues., Aug. 14 (callbacks, 7 p.m.). Show dated for Nov. 9-11.

• **CALLING ALL PLAY-WRIGHTS** The Players' Ring, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, [playersring.org](http://playersring.org), invites playwrights to submit plays for 2012 season and the Late Night Summer Series. E-mail scripts to [djmrllo@aol.com](mailto:djmrllo@aol.com).

#### ART LISTINGS

##### Art events

• **THE POLLINATOR'S CORRIDOR** presentation at Lowell's historic Spaulding House on Tues., July 19, 7-8:30 p.m. by Philadelphia-based artist Aaron Birk on his graphic novel. Lively discussion and book signing where Birk will speak about urban ecology, gardening and bees. Space limited. RSVP to [info@lowell-landtrust.org](mailto:info@lowell-landtrust.org) or call 978-0030.

• **"SHAPING OUR HERITAGE"** presented by the N.H. State Library in Concord (20 Park St., Concord) through Fri., July 20, during regular library hours (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., weekdays). Free. Two concerts will be performed at the Concord Community Music School on Sun., July 22 & 29, 2-4 p.m. Visit [nh.gov/nharts](http://nh.gov/nharts).

• **CONCORD ARTS MARKET** on Saturdays through October, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Bicentennial Square in Concord. Free admission and downtown parking. Visit [concord-artsmarket.com](http://concord-artsmarket.com).

## On stage



### Cinderella renewed

Lovers of the classic Cinderella tale may get a kick out of the version performed at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588) this Thursday, July 12, at 6:30 p.m. This version, part of the Palace Professional Theatre for Children series, produced with special arrangement from ArtReach, is full of witty dialogue and songs to entertain children and adults alike. All tickets are \$7 per person, including babes in arms, according to the website. Group rates are also available. Visit [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org) to purchase tickets. Future shows in the Professional Theatre for Children series include *Pinocchio*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Rapunzel*, *Aladdin*, *The Little Mermaid* and *The Wizard of Oz*.

## In a gallery near you

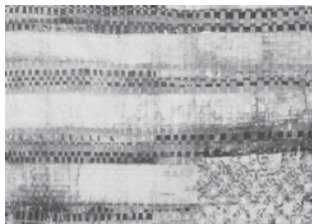


### Also known as a "terminator pig" (really)

The Entelodont lived 23 million years ago during the Miocene Period in North America, Europe and Asia.

Artist Bob Shannahan has brought it into the 21st century at the Mill Brook Gallery and Sculpture Garden in Concord (236 Hopkinton Road, [themillbrookgallery.com](http://themillbrookgallery.com), 226-2046) as part of the 15th Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit. With the feet of a moose, legs of a pony, trunk of a cow, the head of a boar and 44 crocodilian teeth, it's a relief to know that this six-foot-high omnivorous beast isn't around to worry about. Shannahan is also known for his construction of a life-sized woolly mammoth at the Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden.

## In a gallery near you



### Vote for your favorite

Celebrate the red, white and blue throughout the entire month of July. The Seacoast Artist Association July theme show of "Red, White and Blue" will be featured at the association's gallery (225 Water St., Exeter) Thursday, July 19, through Friday, July 27, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Opening reception is on Thursday, July 19, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., when visitors will be able to meet the local artists and enjoy their interpretation of the theme. Visitors are asked to vote for their favorites by Thursday, July 21, when the winner of the People's Choice Award will be announced. Call 778-8856 or email [gallery@seacoast-artist.org](mailto:gallery@seacoast-artist.org). Pictured: "Recycled Dream," by Malea Gasho.

#### Gallery openings

• **TROPICA MODERNA** mixed-media installation by artist Ty Williams opens at 3S Artspace's store gallery (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth) on Fri., July 20, available for viewing through Sun., Sept. 2.

• **TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** by artist Carolyn Carter in the Peterborough Town Library's (2 Concord St., Peterborough, 924-8040) Art Corner and showcase during July.

• **MARKS AND MODELS: MATTHEW BEST AND PAUL PHAM** share the gallery space in The Studio (84 Union Ave., Laconia). Exhibit on view through Aug. 3. Call 455-8008.


• **GOFFSTOWN MAIN STREET PROGRAM POP-UP**

**GALLERY** (35 Main St., Goffstown, [info@goffstownmainstreet.org](mailto:info@goffstownmainstreet.org)) will be on display Friday-Sunday through Aug. 5. Prints, watercolors, acrylics,


• **TREASURES FROM NEAR AND AFAR** is a new exhibit at East Colony Fine Art (55 S. Commercial St., Manchester, 621-7400, [EastColony.com](http://EastColony.com)) featuring artwork by Cheryl Vratsenes and Don Desmarais. Opening reception Fri., July 13, 5-8 p.m.

• **UNDER THE SEA EXHIBIT** at the League of NH Craftsmen Meredith Retail Gallery (279 DW Highway, Meredith, 279-7920) during July. Fantastical collection of sea life in a variety of media from a variety of artists (glass seashells, sculpted octopi, blowfish teapot, etc.).


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## ART

# A quiet place to practice

“Diluvial” to surround cool yoga classes

By Kelly Sennott  
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The soothing blues, greens and whites in Cristi Rinklin's illuminated fantasy landscape “Diluvial” invite visitors in, with images of cool mountains, swirls of wind and puffs of clouds. It's a peaceful, relaxing atmosphere — perfect, really, for a yoga class.

The Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester) is offering the chance to practice yoga in this work of art, Thursdays at 10 a.m., from July 12 through Aug. 16 in the beautiful Putnam Gallery, where Rinklin's work currently resides.

It's one of the most beautiful places that yoga instructor Kate Dube has ever practiced.

“I love the way that the light shines through the glass, and I love the cooling colors,” said Dube, the instructor from YogaBalance who will be leading this weekly class.

Dube hopes this room will help students in their practice. Much of the time, she'll instruct students to close their eyes or concentrate on looking in one spot, to quiet the mind. In this space, she won't have to.

“For everyone living in the Western hemisphere, so much of life is focused on the external. Every moment of every day, you get senses that stimulate the brain. You're constantly in overdrive, and we're often very distracted by what we see around us. When we get to practice in a place like this, we try to use the spaciousness and stillness to finding that within us,” she said.

This is not the first time that the Currier has held yoga classes, but it is the first time that yoga has been offered *inside* an exhibit. The space can accommodate a much larger group, the way the gallery is configured. And the art is part of the space — the art is formed from the wall itself, from the wallpaper. There's no need to worry about paintings falling down, or statues being knocked over.

“This was something that came about after the exhibition was installed because of the way the gallery itself provided such a terrific environment to do something contemplative in. ‘Diluvial’ transforms the space, with the stained glass effect, giving it an immersive,



Cristi Rinklin's “Diluvial” at the Currier. Courtesy photo.

peaceful space, a wonderful place to stretch the mind, body,” said Leah Fox, director of public programs at the Currier.

It also presents another way for people to enjoy the space. “Whenever we're thinking about our special exhibitions, we like to think about a wide range of different types of programs we can offer visitors,” Fox said.

If yoga isn't your thing, you can visit for a concert, instead. On Thursday, Aug. 2, at 6 p.m., artist Cristi Rinklin and Currier Museum of Art curator Nina Bozicnik will speak about “Diluvial,” and their talk will be followed by a concert by Shirish Korde. Featured in the concert are soprano Deepti Navaratna and cellist Jan Muller-Szerwas.

Korde created this art for the ears after he saw Rinklin's art for the eyes. With this Indian-rhythmed piece, ranging from contemplative to energetic, audiences are in for a treat.

“He [Korde] and Rinklin have worked together before, and he really wanted to think about the piece in terms of the dynamic forces of nature,” Fox said.

“Diluvial” is on view until Thursday, Sept. 9. Yoga attendees are encouraged to bring a yoga mat and comfortable shoes. (If you don't have a yoga mat, contact Dube at YogaBalance, 625-4000, beforehand.)

### Yoga and “Diluvial”

**Where:** Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester

**When:** Yoga is Thursdays, 10-11 a.m., July 12-Aug. 16; the concert/artist reception is Thursday, Aug. 2, at 6 p.m.

• **RED WHITE AND BLUE RECEPTION** for the Seacoast Artist Association July theme show will be held Thurs., July 19, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the gallery, 225 Water St., Exeter. Meet local artists. Refreshments served. Exhibit for viewing until Fri., July 27. Email gallery@seacoastartist.org or call 778-8856.

• **SPLENDID CLOTHES, SPENDE TRADITIONS** in the Contemporary Art Gallery at Mt. Kearsage Indian Museum (18 Highlawn Road, Warner, 456-3244, director@indianmuseum.org) open until July 15. Exhibit features regalia, painting and photographic works by local artists. Admission is \$8.50 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors.

• **WILLIAM DAVIS PRESENTATION** on Sun., July 22, at 1 p.m. at New Hampshire Antique Co-op, 232 Elm St., Route 101A, Milford. Painter William Davis will present a lecture, “Luminous Landscapes in the Plain Air Tradition of the White Mountain School.” Call 673-8499 or visit nhantiquecoop.com.

• **SUMMER SELECTIONS: NEW ART IN THE GALLERY** Tues., July 24, through Fri., Aug. 31. Opening reception is Fri., July 27, 5-7 p.m. at the gallery, 10 Hills Avenue, Concord. Recent works by familiar favorites to be on display. Call 225-2515 or visit mcgowanfineart.com or email jessica@mcgowanfineart.com.

• **ARTIST OF THE MONTH EXHIBIT** at Exeter Fine Crafts (61 Water St., Exeter, 778-8282) on Sat., July 14, 1-4 p.m. Exeter Fine Crafts artists of the month

Caterina Urrata and David Weintraub of Fiamma Art Glass will talk about their glass work.

### In the galleries

• **TREASURES FROM NEAR AND AFAR** exhibit at East Colony Fine Art (55 S. Commercial St., Manchester, 621-7400, East-Colony.com) features artwork by Cheryl Vratsenes and Don Desmarais. Opening reception Fri., July 13, 5-8 p.m.

• **“SEED AND PULP,”** a group printmaking show, will be on display at 3S Artspace's new Store Gallery (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth, 766-3330) through Sun., July 15. Gallery hours are Thurs., noon-6 p.m., Fri., 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sun., noon-4 p.m.



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## Row, row, row

### Beginners welcome on the Merrimack River

By Kelly Sennott  
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At your first rowing lessons with the Amoskeag Rowing Club, you'll learn the difference between rowing port and starboard, and what terms like "on the feather," "way enough" and "at the catch" mean. You'll learn how to move boats by pairs, fours and eights, the terrors of ergometers, and you'll finally understand all of those rowing "coxswain" jokes.

But most importantly, those who sign up for Amoskeag Rowing Club's Learn to Row classes will find that there are few things quite as satisfying as taking strong strokes and propelling a boat forward, water trickling beneath you, in a morning row on the Merrimack River. The wind in your hair, the burn in your legs, and the well-earned calluses on your palms are reasons why so many spandex-clad rowers in flip-flops and rowing T-shirts flock to the boathouse at ungodly morning hours. For its members, the Amoskeag boathouse (at 101 Merrimack St., Hooksett), tucked behind the Hooksett Dog Park off Exit 11, is a little piece of heaven.

Many of the club's members learned to row right here in the Merrimack River, and a number of crew teams practice here, such as ones from Bedford High School, Manchester Central High School, the Derryfield School, and Southern New Hampshire University. Shields feels it's important that high school kids have this opportunity..

"This offers an opportunity for students — some high school students will go on to row at college, some won't," said Mike Shields, vice president and summer director of the club. But it offers an opportunity for kids who haven't found a sport, who haven't found their niche, he said. He and the founding members began the program in 1982 to create an opportuni-

ty for rowers and nonrowers to take to the water. And they wanted to spread the love of the sport. (How could it not be love, when you wake up at quarter of five to make it to the water before work?) Indeed, catch him or rowing partner Eugene Van Loan at the boathouse, and chances are they'll be antsy to get on the water quickly. Row now, talk later.

The boathouse has migrated since the club began. The group started small, moving from Lake Massabesic to a number of locations on the Merrimack. Rowing on Massabesic didn't last too long, said Van Loan, one of the club's original members; they had to "wet launch" when they rowed here, which means that rowers have to step in the water in order to get in the boat. This proved difficult because there is no swimming or body contact allowed in Lake Massabesic.

Rowing boats are tippy and difficult to set, so coaches start students off slowly. Kat Bourque and Ethan Currie, coaches at this beginner class, opened with a few ergometer demonstrations. Ask anyone with rowing experience about ergs, and he or she will talk of the difficulty and the pain these rowing machines cause. They offer the workout of a row without the benefits of wind, speed or water. But they're not tippy, which is a plus for beginning rowers.

Bourque is one of the coaches for the Junior Learn to Row crew. She learned to row at Amoskeag and went on to row at Boston University. She coaches with patience and good humor, instructing new rowers to sit up straight, running the "cut the cake" drill or the "backing" drill with clear instruction and positive feedback. Not too long ago, she was a beginner herself, so she's enjoyed passing on the love of the sport.

"They're so enthusiastic — everyone is here because they want to be here, which makes



The Junior Learn to Row group after an early morning practice.

them great to coach," Bourque said.

The terminology doesn't take too long to understand, and though it takes a bit of time to get the hang of the rowing stroke, this is one of the few sports that strengthens arms, legs and back muscles evenly. It's also a low-impact sport for joints, so in many ways it's a haven for those with joint issues, and it's something you can continue each year. Once a rower, always a rower.

At Amoskeag, adults will master sculling — rowing with two oars — while kids will learn both sculling and sweep rowing (rowing with one oar). The adult Learn to Row class meets from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. During the summer, teens can learn to row from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. the same days.

The upcoming Learn to Row program for adults is Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays, July 16 through Aug. 24. The class costs \$250, but if you take to the sport, it's well worth your time, Shields said; club membership is \$350, and beginners who take the beginner class and want to continue can obtain membership with \$100 additional. Visit amoskeagrowing.org or email Shields at spdirector@amoskeagrowing.org for information on the summer program.

### CHILDREN & TEENS

#### Events

- **WATER GAMES** Fri., July 14, 4-5:30 p.m. at Manchester City Library (405 Pine St., Manchester). Call 624-6550, ext. 342.
- **MONSTER CRAFT** on Mon., July 16, at 2:30 p.m. at Concord Public Library (45 Green St., Concord, 230-3682, kgerber@concordnh.gov). Scare the monsters under the bed away with a monster creation.
- **CAMPFIRE STORYTIME** on Mon., July 16, 7-8 p.m. at Wadleigh Memorial Library (49 Nashua St., Milford, 673-2408, ref desk@wadleighlibrary.org). Spooky stories and campfire treats. For those who don't mind being scared, 8 and older.
- **MASQUERADE BALL** on Wed., July 18, 7-8 p.m. at Wadleigh Memorial Library (49 Nashua St., Milford, 673-2408, ref desk@wadleighlibrary.org). Sing, dance, read and make a mask to caper around in disguise.
- **MOVIE IN THE PARK** on Wednesdays, July 18 and Aug. 1, at dusk in Rollins Park, Concord. Refreshments to be on sale. Call 230-3682 or email kgerber@concordnh.gov.
- **CHILDREN'S AUTHOR JANE LARSON** will visit the Meredith Public

Library (91 Main St., Meredith) on Wed., July 18, 3-4 p.m. She'll read her newest book, *Blitz and the Great Bear Rescue!*, and sign copies.

- **FREE SUMMER MUSIC SERIES** for children at UNH Manchester. Events take place in UNH Manchester's third-floor auditorium at 400 Commercial St.; RSVP at manchester.unh.edu/events or 641-4167. "Frog Prince" is Thurs., July 19, 2-2:45 p.m. (pre-K to grade 4) and Thurs., Aug. 2, 10-10:45 a.m.; "Garage Band" is Fri., Aug. 10, 10-11 a.m.; and "Bubblegum Pop for Sweet Kids" is Fri., Aug. 17, 10-11 a.m.

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- **LEAGUE OF NH CRAFTSMEN FINE CRAFT EXHIBITION** of "Prints: Leaving an Impression" July 13-Sept. 19, with an opening reception Fri., July 13, 5-7 p.m., at 49 S. Main St., Concord. Call 224-3375 or visit nhcrafts.org.

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- **PHOTOGRAPHY FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS** will be presented at the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications (749 E. Industrial Park Drive, Manchester, 627-0005, loeb.school.org) on Fri., July 13, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with award-winning photographer Geoff Forster, who will offer suggestions on how to take photos that will help tell your business or nonprofit's story in print or on the Web. Registration fee is \$45 and includes lunch.
- **HOW TO PREVENT BUSINESS DIVORCES FROM BECOMING BUSINESS LITIGATIONS** workshop on Tues., July 17, 8-9:30 a.m. at the abi Innovation Hub (33 S. Commercial St., Manchester, 629-9511). Attorney Ned Sackman will present about how to prevent business divorces from becoming business litigations. Free. Light breakfast provided. Registration required; email

heather@abihub.org or call 629-9511.

- **FREE DEVICE WORKSHOP** on Thurs., July 19, 6-8 p.m. at 946 S. Willow St., Manchester. U.S. Cellular associates will help attendees get the most out of the features on their Android-powered devices, Windows phones and Blackberry devices. Open to all. Call 622-1033 to RSVP.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA FOR BUSINESS** will be held on Fri., July 20, at the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications (749 E. Industrial Park Dr., Manchester). Instructor Judi Window will emphasize developing the planning process, identifying and building market niche and using social media tools to pull together a company or personal marketing plan. Registration is \$45 and includes lunch. Register at loeb.school.org or by calling 627-0005.
- **FREE RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP** on Wed., July 25, 5:30-8 p.m. to help those out of work or those hoping to change jobs. Instructor David Yudkin of Creative Professional Resumes will cover what should and should not be included in a resume. Free. Visit loeb.school.org or call 627-0005.
- **E-BOOK CLASSES** Learn how to read books on your iPad, Kindle or Nook at the Amherst Library (14 Main St., Amherst,



# Treasure hunt

An antiques expert helps you search for buried treasure

Dear Donna,

Would you use an old cupboard that has been in a basement for years in your home? I have acquired two of them but they both are pretty dirty and worn. Is it safe to think they could be used again? I don't want to put them in my home and find out they are not safe.

Michelle in New Boston

Dear Michelle,

Cupboards can be both decorative and functional. Take a look at almost any home decorating magazine and you'll be amazed at how many you'll see. You can use them anywhere in your home to help organize or just for decorative use. Make sure they are clean. You don't want one with paint chipping off. And make sure they are all secure and not falling apart before you use them. Here are just a few of my own ideas.

**KITCHEN** – Select a complementary cupboard for your kitchen. Remember that complementary does not necessarily mean "same." An early American pine cupboard that has been stripped to expose the nice graining can fit well into a contemporary setting. A country-style cupboard is likewise always at home in an early American decorating theme. A cupboard can easily translate into a pantry where canned goods are stored. Or it can hold appliances you wish to have out of sight, or pots and pans, or anything you wish. My favorite idea is to use a cupboard to display collections of kitchen pottery, ironstone, wooden ware, etc.

**GARAGE** – Why not consider cleaning up, organizing and "decorating" your garage? Buy a nice old country cupboard, perhaps one that has been painted, scrub it up a bit, and place it in a strategic yet out-of-the-way place in your garage. It will be invaluable in organizing such things

as hand garden implements, flower pots, birdseed, hand tools, dog or cat food, etc. I enjoy using old containers in my garage cupboard. A low basket is great for hand garden tools; a large tin can with advertising (i.e. a 1940s lard can) can make a great pet food holder or bird seed container. You will be surprised at how much better you will feel when you pull a gardening tool out of a nice old basket in your country cupboard rather than digging through a pile on the floor to find it.

**BATHROOM** – Cupboards come in a wide range of shapes and sizes. I have a small cupboard in my bath that holds extra toilet paper, toiletries, the necessary plunger, etc.

**LIVING ROOM** – A cupboard can be right at home in most any living room. If it is a wooden-door cupboard, leave the doors ajar or open, and fill the interior with nice books and favorite things you will enjoy seeing on a regular basis. It can be a great accent piece; it can set the tone for how the entire room feels; it can hold a TV or it can serve as storage for board games, extra vases, etc.

**BEDROOM** – I have a nice old 19th-century pie safe in my bedroom. It has two pierced tin doors, and I use it to hold my wardrobe of sweaters and sweatpants. These things take up so much room in dressers, but can easily be organized and stacked into an old cupboard.

Let your imagination run wild, just a bit. Enjoy your cupboards, Michelle.

*Donna Welch has spent more than 20 years in the antiques and collectibles field and owns From Out Of The Woods Antique Center in Goffstown (www.fromoutofthewoodsantiques.com). She is an antiques appraiser, an instructor and a licensed auctioneer. To find out about your antique or collectible, send a clear photo of the object and information about it to Donna Welch, From Out Of The Woods Antique Center, 465 Mast Road, Goffstown, N.H., 03045. Or e-mail her at footwdw@aol.com. Or drop by the shop (call first, 624-8668).*

673-2288). The class on iPads and iPhones is Thurs., Aug. 2, at 2 p.m.; Nooks and other devices will be covered on Thurs., Aug. 9, at 2 p.m. Registration required. Call or email library@amherst.lib.nh.us or visit amherst.lib.nh.us.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Antique shows

• **GREAT ANTIQUES SIDE-SHOW** antique appraisals and silent auction on Sat., July 14, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Temple Town Hall (423 Route 45, Temple). Proceeds aid the preservation and security of School House No. 6. To donate, call 878-0539 or email lilliane.lebel96@gmail.com. Bring items to be appraised. Admission is \$3, appraisals \$5 per item.

• **55TH ANNUAL NH ANTIQUES SHOW** is set for Thurs.-Fri., Aug. 9-10, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sat., Aug. 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Radisson in Manchester. Admission is \$15 Thursday, \$10 Friday and Saturday. Visit nhada.org.

### Bake/yard sales/fundraisers/auctions

• **FRANCO-AMERICAN CENTRE LA CAVE AUX VINS** wine tasting and raffle is on Fri., July 13, 6-8 p.m. in Davidson Hall on the Saint Anselm College Campus. Tickets are \$35 per person and include wine tasting, buffet and entertainment. Grand prize for this year's raffle is \$5,000. Send check by Tues., July 13, to Franco-American Centre, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester. Call 641-7114.

### Expos/festivals/fairs

• **MARKET DAYS FESTIVAL** will be a three-day event in downtown Concord this year, running Thurs., July 19-Sat., July 21. Shopping, music, performers and more. Free event, but bring money for food. Visit mainstreetconcord.com.

• **HILLSBOROUGH BALLOON FESTIVAL AND FAIR** is July 19-22 at Grimes Field in Hillsborough. Balloon rides will be available all week long. Cost for

a ride is \$200 per passenger. The fair includes live music, a parade, carnival, four-wheeler mud bogs, fireworks, mini tractor pulls, horse pulls, skydivers, a car show and a 5k road race. Admission is free, but some events have a fee. Call 464-0377 or email hillsboroballoonfest@tds.net or visit balloonfestival.org.

• **STRATHAM FAIR** July 19-22 at Stratham Hill Park, Route 33, in Stratham features entertainment for all ages, 4-H activities and exhibits, rides, music, magic acts, arts and crafts, oxen pulling, a lobster festival, the Miss Stratham Fair pageant, and fireworks to end the weekend on Sunday night. Gates open at 8 a.m.

• **AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE FESTIVAL** is Sat., July 21, and will be held at the American Independence Museum (1 Governors Lane, Exeter) and Swasey Parkway. This year there is

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## THE PLAYGROUND

# Tall ships return to P'mouth

### Hear the cannon fire, meet captains and crew

By Rebecca Sherman  
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Ever notice the stick-straight, incredibly tall white pine trees that pepper certain areas of our state? I have from time to time, but it wasn't until a recent conversation with Donald Coker, chairman of the Piscataqua Maritime Commission in Portsmouth, that I began to see these trees for their significance to our region's history and development. For it was towering white pines, perhaps like one in your own backyard, with their impressively not-crooked spine, that launched one of the most important of our region's industries: shipbuilding. Those who settled in New Hampshire couldn't help noticing that these majestic trees would make perfect masts for their ships.

Educational nuggets, like the one Coker shared with me, will form an important component of the upcoming Sail Portsmouth 2012 event, Thursday, July 12, through Sunday, July 15. The Piscataqua Maritime Commission will once again sponsor the appearance of replicas of the tall ships, the very kind whose masts were made of New Hampshire pine.

Sail Portsmouth will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, when *Pride of Baltimore II*, a ship the PMC website calls "a reproduction of an 1812-era topsail schooner private," and *Providence*, "a replica of the first command of John Paul Jones," sail into Portsmouth. Also participating this year is *Piscataqua*, a new vessel launched by Portsmouth's own Gundalow Co. The website says, "gundalows were the equivalent of today's tractor-trailer rigs, carrying cargo, between ocean-going schooners and the growing towns in the region."

The event will offer something for all ages, with the promise of entertainment as well, because as Coker said, the philosophy of the PMC is that "we should have loads of fun doing the event." The event is purely volunteer-driven, Coker said, with about 300 people pulling together to make it happen.

Though the first tall ships visited Portsmouth back in the early 1980s, Coker said, the PMC picked up the idea in the 1990s and has been bringing the tall ships to the sea-coast for 15 years.

Coker said the event is great for families with kids, whom he thinks will especially like the "pirates-for-hire," as Coker calls them — actors dressed in period costumes who will talk with visitors and pose for photos. Pirate merchandise, as well as event T-shirts and hats, will be available for sale, he said.

Visitors also have an opportunity to purchase tickets for a two-hour day sail, or for the Parade of Sail, aboard *Baltimore II* and *Providence*. Daysail tickets are \$50 per person and include the deck tour at Peirce Island with each purchase. Tickets for the Parade of Sail on Friday, July 13, are \$75 per person and also include the deck tour at Peirce Island. Tickets can be purchased by following a link on the PMC website, taking you to the *Pride of Baltimore II*'s website at www.pride2.org, which is handling all ticket sales

for both ships. For tickets for either day sails, or the Parade of Sail on the gundalow, *Piscataqua*, see www.gundalow.org.

Boarding for the Parade of Sail is at 7:30 a.m. for an 8 a.m. departure from the UNH Marine Complex, 29 Wentworth Road, New Castle. Arrival at Peirce Island is expected to be at about 9:30 a.m., depending on the tides. Return transportation back to the UNH pier and parked vehicles will be provided.

Coker said that during the Parade of Sail, visitors can expect to see the tall ships and the gundalow, as well as tug boats and fire boats from the Navy Yard. Private yachts, kayaks and all manner of boats also participate in the parade. Coker said people love the cannon salutes. The Newmarket Militia on Peirce Island will exchange cannon salutes with the *Providence*, Coker said, which he described as being fairly heavily armed with 12 cannons. The PMC website suggests that good viewing spots for those watching the parade include Four Tree Island in Portsmouth, Great Island and Portsmouth Yacht Club in New Castle and Fort Foster in Kittery, Maine.

Coker said the deck tours offer a glimpse above deck; the area below deck on the ships is the living quarters for the ships' captains and crew. He said those touring the decks will learn about the armaments, steering apparatus and sail rigging. Tours are at the Commercial Fishing Pier on Peirce Island and cost \$9 person, while children under 12 get in free and a family package of \$25 is available for two adults and their children younger than 12. Tickets are sold at the gate only, and tour times can be found on the PMC website at www.pmcportsmouth.org.

The setting for the tall ships at the pier is courtesy of Geno Marconi, director of Ports and Harbors and the Pease Development Authority, Coker said, adding that "there isn't a lot of parking places for tall ships in Portsmouth." Coker said the location is terrific, because standing on the Commercial Fishing Pier, you can view the tall ships with the Sheaf's Warehouse of the Strawberry Banke Museum behind them. Coker imagines the vessels probably look just like the ones that were tied up there 200 years ago.

Coker said other events will include presentations by the UNH Marine Docents, "a volunteer group dedicated to the preservation and wise use of our marine resources." Performances will include shanty-singing by the Marine Docent Singers, as well as music by the Piscataqua River Brass. Food from some of the local fishing boats that will be tied up nearby is provided by one vendor, Seaport Fish. There will also be an internationally renowned telescope expert, who will have an exhibit of the kinds of telescopes available during the War of 1812.

Coker said visitors might want to attend the Captain's Reception on Saturday, July 14, at 7 p.m., under the tent at the Commercial Fishing Pier. Catering will be provided by The Kitchen on Islington and there will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$45. Call 431-7447 to purchase tickets.

See www.pmcportsmouth.org for a schedule of all events for Sail Portsmouth 2012.



# Kiddie Pool

## Family fun this weekend

### Grab a bite to eat

• Hungry? Check out the **Local Roots Food Fair** on Wednesday, July 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire in Dover (6 Washington St., 742-2002, [childrens-museum.org](http://childrens-museum.org)). This indoor event is free with paid admission and includes an afternoon of free food samples featured through Hannaford's "Close to Home" program, with New Hampshire fresh fruit, honey, cheese, yogurt and more.

• Learn the fun side of food through hands-on activities at the **Kidgits Super-Duper Mini-Chefs** event at the Pheasant Lane Mall (310 DW Highway, Nashua) on Saturday, July 14, at noon. Bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter. Call 888-0005.

• Also at the Pheasant Lane Mall, visit the **Chick-fil-A Cow** for an appreciation day on Friday, July 13, at 2 p.m. There will be cow prizes and cow-friendly activities, and kids who are fully dressed in cow garb will receive a free meal from Chick-fil-A. Visit [simonkidgitsclub.com](http://simonkidgitsclub.com) or call 888-0005.

### Music, water and mimes

• Got the music in you? Take the family to the **Fiesta de Musica Drum & Bugle Corps competition** on Sunday, July 15, at 5:30 p.m. at Manchester Memorial High School (1 Crusader Way, Manchester, 978-743-9584, [judes316@comcast.net](mailto:judes316@comcast.net)). Cost is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and kids younger than 12.

• See what boating was like back in the day this weekend, on Friday, July 13, at 1 p.m. at the Commercial Fishing Pier, Peirce Island, Portsmouth, as the **Tall Ships** visit. Tour the decks of *Pride of Baltimore II* and *Providence* at this event called "Sail Portsmouth 2012." Visit [sailportsmouth@gmail.com](mailto:sailportsmouth@gmail.com) or call 471-7447. Tickets are \$9, but a family rate is available.

• A little warm in this weather? Play some **water games** on Friday, July 13, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Manchester City Library (405 Pine St., Manchester). Call 624-6550, ext. 342.

• But first, there's **Family Fare Double Vision** on Thursday, July 12, from 6 to 7 p.m. on the Manchester City Library lawn (405 Pine St., Manchester). Jody

Scalise and Linda Peck will showcase their mime, acrobatics and juggling talents.

### Fast running and flying

• Try a run with the **Broken Boulder Dash 6K**, which takes runners through the trails of the Horse Hill Nature Preserve in Merrimack on Sunday, July 15, at 10 a.m. Registration costs vary. Visit [3raceproductions.com](http://3raceproductions.com).

• This Friday, July 13, at 7 p.m., the **NH Flying Misfits** will perform thrilling demonstrations and present interactive instruction on remote-controlled aircraft at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, 2 Institute Drive, Concord. Visit [starhop.com](http://starhop.com) or call 271-STAR. For teens only. Cost is \$9.

• Greet some of our country's heroes in the Marine Corps League from Friday, July 13, through Sunday, July 15, to celebrate the **centennial of Marine aviation**. The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire (27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, 669-4820) will feature a series of display tables and a staff of active-duty and retired marines, relating stories of their experiences.

a Maritime theme. The gundalow will return, and Jeff Warner will sing sea chanteys and folk songs. Redhook Brewery will provide a beer tent with American Independence Ale. There will be artisans, vendors, jewelry, face painting, and music — Rhythm Method will play before the fireworks finale. Visit [independencemuseum.org](http://independencemuseum.org).

### Other

• **GHOST STORIES OF DERRY** with Town Historian Rick Holmes on Thurs., July 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry).

• **HOOPLA FESTIVAL** benefits the Seymour Osman Community Center on Sat., July 21, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Woodman Park, Dover. Live music, DJs, 3-on-3 basketball tournament and back to school fashions will be featured at this family-friendly event. Free, but \$10 donations are encouraged. Email [bc@peninkdesign.com](mailto:bc@peninkdesign.com). Registration required. Call or email [library@amherst.lib.nh.us](mailto:library@amherst.lib.nh.us) or visit [amherst.lib.nh.us](http://amherst.lib.nh.us).

• **THE LIGHTHOUSES OF SEACOAST NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SOUTHERN MAINE** is a presentation on Tues., July 27, at 7 p.m. at the Amherst Library (14 Main St., Amherst, 673-2288). Free, registration required. Call or email [library@amherst.lib.nh.us](mailto:library@amherst.lib.nh.us) or visit [amherst.lib.nh.us](http://amherst.lib.nh.us).

### NATURE & GARDENING

#### Animals/insects/plants

• **AMONG THE BEARS** presentation on Thurs., July 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Loon Center (183 Lee's Mills road, Moultonborough, 476-5666, [loon.org](http://loon.org)). Author and filmmaker Benjamin Kiham shares experiences with black bears. Admission free.

• **BE A BEETLE DETECTIVE** on Thurs., July 12, 10 a.m. to noon at the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center (23 Science Center Road, Holderness, [nhnature.org](http://nhnature.org), 968-7194, ext. 34). Program focuses on tracking down two alien invaders of New Hampshire's forests: Asian Longhorned beetle and the Emerald Ash Borer. Attendees learn how to protect NH trees, too. Registration required. Email [info@nhnature.org](mailto:info@nhnature.org) or call. Cost is \$10 each.

• **PLAY THE WILD ANIMAL WAY** on Wed., July 18, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Squam Lakes Natural Science Center (23 Science Center Road, Holderness, [nhnature.org](http://nhnature.org), 968-7194, ext. 34). Fun-filled day of crafts, presentations, demonstrations and activities. No reservations required. Cost is \$15 or adults, \$10 for youth.

• **HIDING IN PLAIN VIEW** on Tues., July 17, 10-11:30 a.m. at Squam Lakes Natural Science Center (23 Science Center Road,

Holderness, [nhnature.org](http://nhnature.org), 968-7194, ext. 34). Learn how camouflage works through games, activities and exploration. Registration required. Email [info@nhnature.org](mailto:info@nhnature.org) or call. Cost is \$9.

• **SATURDAY NIGHT WILD** Live comedy show and auction on Sat., July 21, 6-9:30 p.m. at Squam Lakes Natural Science Center (23 Science Center Road, Holderness, [nhnature.org](http://nhnature.org), 968-7194, ext. 34). Features talent show, music by Postage Due, hors d'oeuvres from The Common Man. Dessert and cash bar available. Silent auction items include two nights at Church Landing, dinner prepared by famous chef in private lake home, osprey tagging with Iain MacLeod, week at Rockywold-Deephaven Camps, golf and ski packages, fly fishing expeditions and more. Registration required. Email [info@nhnature.org](mailto:info@nhnature.org) or call. Cost is \$35 per person.

• **35TH ANNUAL LOON FESTIVAL** is Sat., July 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Loon Center in Moultonborough (183 Lees Mill Road, 476-5666). Crafts, live animals, storytelling, book signings, slide presentation, music, food and beverages. Attendees can learn about loons and how to protect them. Free admission. Email [info@loon.org](mailto:info@loon.org).

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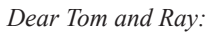
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## GARDENING GUY

# Divide and conquer

Saving money in the flower garden

By Henry Homeyer  
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My house sits on a couple of acres, most of which is growing something. There is a big vegetable garden, some trees, berry bushes and decorative shrubs, a little lawn and lots of flowers. I could spend a fortune, I suppose, if I bought flowers for every square foot of flowerbed that I have. Over the years, however, I have learned how to transplant small plants that started on their own from seed — “volunteers” — and how to divide existing perennials.

Let's start with the volunteer plants. The first thing one must do is learn to recognize the young seedlings — and not pull them as weeds. I do this mainly by the color and texture of the leaves, but shape is important, too. And of course, you can't use bark mulch in the flower beds if you want volunteers. I grow perennials close together so that they shade out weeds, and try to pull any weeds that do grow before they go to seed.

Twenty years ago a neighbor pulled up in front of my house and handed me a cardboard box with eight candelabra primroses (*Primula japonica*). I accepted them with pleasure and went directly to a good reference book to find out what they needed: rich soil, light shade, consistent moisture. I had those conditions under a small grove of wild apple trees, and planted them there.

Now I have hundreds of candelabra primroses and many other kinds. Once I realized that one primrose would grow there, I tried other species, and all but one (*P. vialii*) have done well there — and spread. Most spread by seed, and one (*P. kisona*) by root, like a groundcover. I regularly dig primroses and move them or give them to friends.

Giving excess plants to friends, especially lesser-known varieties, is a great way to save money. I find that if you give a person a nice clump of flowers, you are most certainly going to go home with two or three new plants for your own garden.

Dividing plants is easy, once you get the hang of it. But you have to know what kind of root each perennial has, and that generally means some experimentation. The only book I have found that describes dividing for most common perennials is *The Well-Tended Perennial Garden: Planting & Pruning Techniques* by Tracy DiSabato-Aust. That's a book that should be in every gardener's library, because it tells you how to prune, deadhead, get to re-bloom, divide and more. It's in hardback at \$34.95 (Timber Press, 2006) and worth every penny.

It is best to divide most perennials in the spring when the foliage is just 3 to 6 inches tall. Tough characters like hostas and daylilies can be done anytime, though preferably on a cool cloudy day if doing so now. I recently divided a few hostas and took off a section from a large bugbane or snakeroot (*Cimicifuga ramosa*), and none showed signs of stress.



Dividing hostas. Henry Homeyer photo.

You can cut out a section of a large hosta or daylily by cutting out a wedge with a spade or even a long knife. I sometimes use a serrated root knife I got from Lee Valley Tools. Tracy DiSabato-Aust prefers a non-serrated knife, so I guess either will work just fine. Get down on your hands and knees and try to see natural division points before you cut.

Alternatively, you can dig up a plant, place it on the ground and then use two spading forks to separate it. Just insert them into the middle of the clump, back-to-back, and work the forks back and forth. It's a lot of work for a big clump of daylilies. I prefer just to cut up a clump with a sharp spade. The spade lets me stand on it with all my weight to slice through the tough roots. I once divided a 4-foot-wide clump of Joe Pye weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*) and ended up using a pick ax to whack it apart. Not a pretty sight, but I was determined to remove and divide it.

Groundcovers send out roots and can be divided anytime. Just dig up a plant, sever the root from the mother plant, and move it to a new location. Easy.

Some plants have fleshy taproots that are easily broken, and these are not good candidates for division. Peonies, Oriental poppies, bleeding heart and pink mallow fit in that category. They should be divided in the fall — though little seedlings move easily, spring or fall. Siberian iris should be divided in fall.

Some plants go downhill and become less vigorous if they are not divided on a regular basis. Have you lost a nice Shasta daisy? If so, please try again — but divide it every three years. That allows you to add compost and slow-release organic fertilizer to the soil, which rejuvenates the plants.

The easiest, least expensive method for getting more flowers is just to save seeds and plant them. I plant when the seeds are ripe, just scratching them in where I want more plants next year. I do this with Jack-in-the-pulpit, annual poppies, foxgloves and rose campion, and they generally reward me handsomely.

So don't spend a fortune. Divide, trade with friends, start things by seed. In no time you'll have all the plants you need, even if not all the plants you want.

*Henry Homeyer is the author of four gardening books. His website is [www.Gardening-Guy.com](http://www.Gardening-Guy.com).*



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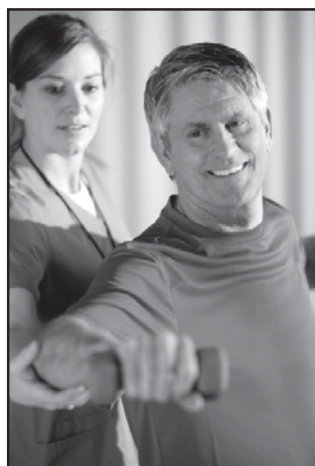


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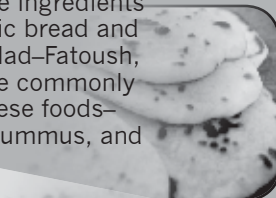
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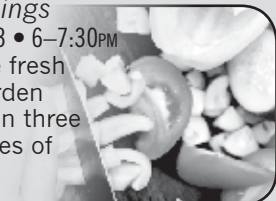
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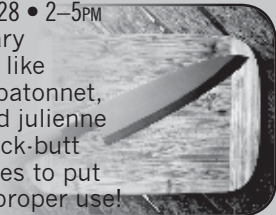
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# Free e-mail programs

What can replace Outlook and Thunderbird?

By John Andrews  
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Mozilla, the open-source foundation behind the Firefox browser, is pulling resources from one of its other projects: Thunderbird, a popular e-mail client for Windows, Mac OS and Linux. It's not "dead," as some tech news sites have proclaimed, but it will remain pretty much the way it is now for the foreseeable future, with no major updates other than security and stability fixes. Thunderbird itself has always been the free alternative to Microsoft Outlook for people who just needed to pull mail from a POP or IMAP service. Though there's nothing keeping fans from continuing to use Thunderbird, this change is a good opportunity to look at other options. Even users of Mac OS and Linux probably don't want to use the included client if they've been using Thunderbird all this time.

• **Windows Live Mail:** When Microsoft left Outlook Express out of Windows Vista, lots of users were left without a mail client. Microsoft stepped up with Windows Live Mail, a shinier-looking replacement that you can download as part of Windows Live Essentials. Do yourself a favor and don't ever install "Bing Bar," as part of this or any other download. Windows only. windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-live/essentials-home

• **Opera:** A browser and a mail client in one, Opera is a hardened veteran of the browser wars. It's survived with its tiny market share since 1994, becoming free in 2000. Now the built-in mail client uses "views" and "labels" instead of folders to organize mail, which can automatically learn where to place messages based on your actions. The spam filter and mailing list management learn as well. Like any good client, it has an offline mode so you

can read messages you've already downloaded, but it also features a low bandwidth mode for when you're stuck on a dodgy modem connection. Windows, Mac, Linux, FreeBSD, Solaris. www.opera.com

Those are the mainstream ones. They have the advantages of widespread use and files that are fairly simple to import and export between programs, so you can switch and still have all your old mail. Opera even guides you through it. With other, less common programs, that interoperability is hard to come by.

• **Pegasus Mail:** "The Internet's longest-serving PC e-mail system," according to its website, has been serving the world since 1990. It shows some of that age in its design; it shows windows within windows and lots of gray controls and buttons. Still, it has experience and does what it does well. Windows and, goodness, MS-DOS. www.pmail.com

• **Sparrow:** This ad-supported program takes some cues from the Gmail user interface, with conversations grouped together and stars for marking importance. It also can connect to Facebook for unified contact management and DropBox or CloudApp to make sending large attachments easy. Mac only. www.sparrowmailapp.com

There's a bunch of other options, from IncrediMail, Foxmail, and DreamMail (which support IMAP either badly or not at all) to Alpine, a text-only program that runs in a console window on your desktop.

You can also use Gmail, Yahoo! Mail and other Web-based e-mail systems to check your POP mail, and in an increasingly online world, having local mail client becomes less relevant. Some pundits claim that we can just use Facebook and Twitter and text messages to stay in touch, but shoot, I'm old-fashioned.

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## Weekly Dish

Notes from the local food scene

By Angel Roy  
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• **Sizzlin' in the Queen City:** Sizzle Bistro at Executive Health & Sports Center, 1 Highlander Way, Manchester, 232-3344, sizzlebistro.com, will open on Thursday, July 12. The restaurant, owned by Ignite and Hooked restaurateur Neville Pereira, is open to the public and features a menu filled with the top-selling items of both eateries. Sizzle Bistro is open Monday through Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Have a sweet, chocolatey summer:** Dancing Lion Chocolate, 917 Elm St., Manchester, 625-4043, dancingleon.us, will host Fun Fondue Friday on Friday, July 13, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The shop will serve hot bowls of ganache (a blend of milk and dark chocolates, milk and a splash of dark rum), with a plate of dippables, for \$20. Reservations are recommended. The shop will also hold a hands-on Zen Brownie-making class on Thursday, July 26, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The class costs \$65 and reservations are required.

• **Animal Rescue League wine tastings:** Grape Time Winery will host tastings of its Animal Rescue League wines (proceeds from each sale are donated to the cause) at Sully's Superette in Goffstown on Friday, July 13, and Friday, Aug. 24, from 4 to 6 p.m., A Market in Manchester on Saturday, July 21, and Saturday, Aug. 11, from noon to 3 p.m., Harvest Market in Bedford on Friday, Aug. 10, from 4 to 7 p.m., and the Drinkery in Londonderry on Friday, Aug. 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

• **Say cheese!** Dancing Dog Farm on Windmill Hill Road in Dublin will host a hands-on cheesemaking class on Saturday, July 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (classes will also be held on Aug. 8 and Aug. 11). During the workshop, cheesemaker and organic farmer Carol Lake will teach students how to make labneh, ricotta, paneer, chevre, fromage blanc, honey dessert cheese and mozzarella (time permitting). The class costs \$45. Registration is required — go to [simplecheesemaking.com](http://simplecheesemaking.com).

• **Throw some vegan eats on the grill:** A vegan barbecue will be held at Tilton Island Park on Main Street in Tilton on Sunday, July 15, from 1 to 5 p.m. (rain date July 22). Guests are asked to bring a vegan dish to share, but grilled vegan samples will also be doled out at the picnic. Register for the event (and send your recipe) to Louisa Dell' Amico at [louisa@metrocast.net](mailto:louisa@metrocast.net).

• **Making field dreams come true:** T-Bones, 311 S. Broadway, Salem, 893-3444, t-bones.com, will provide food at the Field of Dreams 20th Anniversary Party on Geremonty Drive in Salem on Saturday, July 21, from noon to 6 p.m. There will be music, raffles and a volleyball tournament, as well. The event is being held to raise funds for the community park and playground. Visit [fieldofdreamsnh.org](http://fieldofdreamsnh.org).

• **Tour the barns of Barnstead:** The Barn-

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## Fresh Market expands into NH

Produce is the pride and joy, but don't miss the deli counter

By Angel Roy  
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More than 2,000 customers walked through the doorway at The Fresh Market in Bedford when it opened June 27 — the market's first store in the Granite State.

"We try to focus on the customer service side of things. A lot of people talk the walk, but I think we walk the walk," said John King, store manager of The Fresh Market. "I think Bedford was looking for something like that, and we deliver it."

The Fresh Market is delivering customer service in many forms at its new 20,000-square-foot space in the recently renovated Bedford Mall. There are golf umbrellas and raincoats on a hook for the market's complimentary carryout assistance (for shoppers with three or more bags), and customers can request green polo shirt-clad staff members in the produce section to cut them slices of the items they would like to sample before purchasing.

"Fresh Market is all about the experience," King said.

In the first few weeks of the store's opening, customers were greeted in the breezeway by wooden crates filled with ears of corn and watermelons. Inside, customers find themselves in the fresh-cut flower section of the store. "Orchids are our biggest thing," King said, gesturing toward the tall purple and white orchids lining rows of shelves. "We have them year-round."

The floral department opens directly into Fresh Market's pride and joy: its produce section. "It drives us," King said. "It's beautiful. We've got that Grade A produce." Nearly 40 percent of the produce at Fresh Market is organic, King said, and some of it is sourced locally, including zucchini and yellow squash from Lavoie Farm in Hollis ("Local 100" signs around the store signify New Hampshire-produced items). A pre-packed produce section features kits to make cole slaw, vegetable kabob and fajitas. Vegetables and fruits are sliced in-house daily for the kits and do not sit on the shelves for longer than two days.

Self-service bars for olives, antipasto, salad and soups separate the produce section from the deli counter, which serves

as the centerpiece of the back of the store and allows customers to place orders from three of its four sides. One case of the counter is dedicated to prepared dishes, such as macaroni & cheese, meatloaf, panini and a variety of salads. The Dilly Cucumber Salad (cucumbers, tomatoes, onions and a garlic dressing) is one of the shop's most popular offerings, King said.

Chilean sea bass, halibut and tilapia are among the fish stocked fresh at the shop's seafood counter. Customers may also opt to order such prepared dishes as breaded fish, coconut-crusted mahi mahi, crab cakes, escargot, or teriyaki wild salmon burgers, all of which are accompanied by cooking instructions.

"It's a great spot," King said. "You can come in and get a meal, quick and easy."

The meat counter at Fresh Market boasts only all-natural chicken and turkey, skewered meats and in-house ground burgers made with bacon, tomato and mozzarella and Gouda and Portobello mushroom.

A hot case is filled with rotisserie chicken offerings, pork, ribs, salmon and turkey. Rotisserie sandwiches can be ordered at the same counter and are made with offerings right out of the case. Chairs and tables are outside, in front of the door. Rotisserie sandwich offerings include Harvest Pork & Brie (pork loin, apple slices, brie and mango chutney served on an onion roll) and Buffalo turkey (turkey breast, wing sauce, blue cheese, onions, lettuce and tomato served on a bulgie roll). The deli counter wraps around into a section of premade sandwiches, salads and wraps, a sushi station and an extensive cheese counter.

King said the bakery has emerged as a hot spot at Fresh Market; its cases are filled with cannoli, cheesecake by the slice, crème brûlée, cupcakes — among them Lemon Coconut, Peanut Butter Explosion and Strawberry White Chocolate — éclairs, petit fours, tiramisu and full-sized cakes.

The front of the store gives customers the freedom to fill bags with whole bean cof-



(top) The produce section at Fresh Market in Bedford. (left) Orchids at Fresh Market in Bedford. (right) The candy section at Fresh Market in Bedford. Angel Roy photos

fee (or grind their own at the shop) and they can also pour their own samples from two carafes of brewed coffees. Customers can take their pick of, and sample, sweets from candy-filled glass jars on another island.

"We want to make sure customers enjoy the product," King said. "As long as they use the scoop, they can give it a shot."

Parallel to the coffee station is the bulk food section where customers can bag their own nuts, dried fruit and fruit and nut mixes, both sweet and savory. The end cap of the bulk section allows guests to grind their own peanut butter.

Fresh Market has three aisles dedicated to groceries — marinades, oils, salad dressings, pasta, sauces, grains and a health and beauty section that features mostly all-natural products that are "definitely different than the type of things you'd find at a big box store," King said. The far left wall of the store serves as freezer case and dairy section

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## Butter's moves out of downtown

Wine & cheese shop relocating to outskirts of Concord

By Angel Roy  
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It was not long ago that Kristy Stephens Ammann put feelers out to see if anyone would be interested in buying her shop, Butter's Fine Food & Wine, but she had been holding out for the "right" person.

"At the end of the day, I didn't want to let the business go," Stephens Ammann said. "I'm passionate about what I do."

Stephens Ammann is now gearing up to move the wine and cheese shop, which

she purchased nearly three years ago (the shop has been in downtown Concord for nearly six), from downtown Concord to 249 Sheep Davis Road at the end of the month.

"We decided to seek out a new location that was to going to be easier for everyone to get to and was a lot more retail-friendly," she said. In its new spot, Butter's will share a plaza with Barb's Beer Emporium and Xtra Chz Pizza. "We're happy to become neighbors ... it will be a nice little foodie destination," Stephens Ammann

said. "We're all totally different businesses but are all complementary to each other as well." She unloaded much of the beer inventory at Butter's in anticipation of the move, so as not to take business away from the Beer Emporium.

Stephens Ammann said the space for the new shop will be built out, and she hopes to have all construction complete by Aug. 1. The Main Street location will close just before Concord's Market Days.

She said the bittersweet move is "purely economic" and noted the parking situation



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Butters Fine Food & Wine in Concord. Courtesy photo.

on Main Street as one of the deciding factors. "Not only are we seeing our customers get ticketed, but our vendors are getting ticketed, which is making it hard to do business on Main Street," Stephens Ammann said.

"This is the birthplace of Butter's, but you've got to see shoppers to survive," Stephens Ammann said of the shop's prime real estate on the capital city's main drag.

The new retail space is an estimated 1,000 square feet, half the size of the current location.

"Right now we have such a beautiful space but really spread our inventory out," Stephens Ammann said. "We can become a little more condensed."

With the new location will come extended hours and a bigger staff, as well as plans for Stephens Ammann to expand the catering and private chef aspects of her business. She is looking to begin offering food workshops on such topics as making meals for family and using fresh local ingredients. In the long term, Stephens Ammann said, she has not ruled out the possibility of opening a restaurant or tavern at Butter's or in the area, should the economy improve.

She also plans to focus on bringing in additional gourmet items and will develop partnerships with local farms to start lining her shelves with their offerings. Items from Contoocook Creamery and Brookford Farm, among others, will be sold at the shop.

Stephens Ammann said it is the neighborly feeling of downtown Concord she will miss most.

"There is really great community support on Main Street," she said. "It's bittersweet, but it's really an economic move to not only let the business survive, but really grow."

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# Scottish theme in Nashua

Father and son open McKenzie's

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Bill Terrio and his son Taylor, 23, owned a landscaping company together, and for years they had tossed around the idea of opening a restaurant. Then Bill Terrio was five months into renovating his Gate City eatery with Taylor and some friends when he decided to reward his son for his work on the space by inviting him to be a partner in the company.

The father-son duo opened McKenzie's Bar & Grill on Main Street in Nashua on June 6, the same evening as the Taste of Downtown Nashua — and the same day the restaurant received its final licensing.

"We decided to open up that night because if it was going to be hectic, it was going to be hectic ... everyone could come in and check some stuff out," Terrio said. The restaurant will celebrate its official grand opening on July 12 with meal deals, prizes and live music.

Terrio pegged Nashua as the home of his Scottish-themed eatery, which gets its moniker from his mother's maiden name, to contribute to the Gate City's growing downtown dining scene by opening a new family-style restaurant. McKenzie's sits in a 2,000-square-foot storefront (formerly a camera store) on the same side of Main Street as O'Briens Sports Bar and the Peddler's Daughter.

"There's enough room. We all do different things," Terrio said. "The more people that come to Main Street, the better it is for everyone. We're not in competition; it's more about compatibility."

Each recipe on the menu at McKenzie's was created by a member of Terrio's family, with the Scottish from his own and the Portuguese dishes from his wife's side. A sister-in-law shared some Indonesian dishes that have yet to appear on the menu.

"I like the fact that I can make food that people enjoy and it makes them happy," Terrio said.

Terrio gained an appreciation for cooking and international dishes while serving nearly 19 years as an engineer in the United States Army Airborne: "All of the countries I went to, I usually helped out a family and they taught me how to cook," he said.

The menu at McKenzie's features international pub fare. Scotch Eggs (hard boiled eggs wrapped in sweet sausage, breaded and fried), Linguica Sandwich, Fisherman's Pie (smoked salmon and shrimp served with a white sauce atop mashed potatoes), Scotch



Bill and Taylor Terrio, owners of McKenzies Bar & Grill in Nashua. Angel Roy photo.

Pie (lamb or beef with sautéed onions and carrots, served with brown gravy), Bangers and Mash, Lobster Roll, Steak Tips, Shepherd's Pie and Corned Beef and Cabbage are among the entrees. Bread comes from nearby Lucia's Portuguese Bakery, and Bread Pudding, Chocolate Lava Fudge Cake and Royal Mini Cheesecake are offered for dessert.

Terrio anticipates the Bangers and Mash becoming a signature dish of the restaurant, along with the Fisherman's Pie and Portuguese-style Steak Tips. Thai Beef Salad and a variety of egg rolls are waiting in the wings to make the McKenzie's menu.

"It's food that everyone kind of loves," Terrio said, adding that food is the centerpiece of all of his family gatherings. The McKenzie's logo bears the family's Scottish crest and the phrase "Luceo Non Uro," which translates to "I Shine, Not Burn."

Terrio and his son built the restaurant's 32-foot-long 16-seat L-shaped bar (the whole restaurant seats 49), which Taylor Terrio will man. The bar has 11 draft lines, and its regular beer options include Belhaven, Innis & Gunn and Strongbow cider.

McKenzie's will host live entertainment three or four nights a week (Tuesday through Saturday) on the carpeted stage in front of its front window, with Celtic bands always booked for two performances. A couch and two armchairs typically take center stage on the dance floor but are pushed to the side on live music nights.

Terrio said the finished product was exactly what he envisioned.

"I really had no plan, it was basically in my head," he said. "The most difficult thing for my son was getting it out of my head."

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### Food maps/tours

• **FOOD MAPS** The Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Hampshire (NOFA-NH) offers an online Farm & Food Map which lists member Organic Farms and Organic Land Care professionals, which can be searched by location as well as by product type. Will list local restaurants that support the farm-to-restaurant connection, and other businesses supporting organic agriculture. Visit [nofanh.org](http://nofanh.org).



## FOOD

# The power of butter

Capers spreads the flavor from Concord

By Angel Roy  
aroy@hippopress.com

Caroline Arend owned a catering business in Natick, Mass., before moving to the Granite State, and though she claims to have left chef duties behind, the Culinary Institute of America grad still finds time to put together elaborate, organic meals for her husband and four children. On a recent Monday night she whipped up zucchini carpaccio, pesto rock shrimp, and a tomato and tomatillo salad.

"Because I worked in kitchens for so long, it's easy for me to just bang it out," Arend said.

Arend, of Bedford, was recently encouraged by friends and family to get back into the kitchen and pursue her culinary passions. She elected to use her compound finishing butters as the first phase of her business, Capers Fine Food, which she hopes will expand into a storefront of her own next spring. She also plans to sell small bites, pates and tourines — "just really cool, funky food to go," she said. She is currently selling her cilantro jalapeño lime, chili chive, tarragon ginger, cinnamon brown sugar and truffled blue cheese butters at the aptly named Butter's Fine Food in Concord (all butters can also be ordered directly from Arend) and hopes for her products to make it to the shelves of other Granite State shops.

Having grown up in Manhattan, Arend became accustomed to being able to shop for whatever she wanted whenever she wanted. She was a little shocked when she learned she would not be able to do the same in the Granite State.

"I don't get it," Arend said. "I've been here for 10 years now and I've seen a tremendous growth in the food industry — it's getting better and better — but there's still no place ... to go before a party when you don't feel like cooking and want to pick up a small appetizer or tapas."

"Your options are pretty limited," she said. "I figure if there is a market for it, I would love to be able to bring it to people."

Arend will keep her butter varieties seasonal, so customers should expect to see maple thyme (a great turkey addition), feta, mint and roasted red pepper (for game meats and lamb) and balsamic caramelized onion and pumpkin sage come September. A few signature flavors will be available year-round.

"I thought: I have all of these wonderful fresh herbs and great ingredients around



Capers compound finishing butters made in Bedford. Angel Roy photo.

me; how do I put them all into one tasty bite?" Arend said. She suggests using the cilantro jalapeño lime butter on corn, on fish and under chicken skin before it is roasted. The butter also adds flavor to vegetables and pasta and can be tossed with either right before serving. The chili chive butter pairs nicely with pork.

"There is something to be said about the power of butter. My kids love it," Arend said, adding that her children are big fans of her cinnamon brown sugar butter and often use it to top their bagels, muffins, pancakes and toast.

Arend gets most of her ingredients from a local market and uses herbs grown in her own garden. She does not make her own butter, but said she might eventually like to partner with a local raw milk provider to be able to do so.

Arend forms the butter into 4.7-ounce cylindrical logs in a rented commercial kitchen after she adds her ingredients, then wraps it in paper and ties ribbons on both ends. She then freezes the butter to secure its form (the butter can be frozen or refrigerated).

"All of the ingredients are encapsulated in the butter ... it has a very long shelf life," Arend said. The butter should be brought up to room temperature before it is served — only a coin-sized sliver is needed.

"A little goes a long way, because it's so packed full of flavor," she said, adding that the heavier butters, such as truffled blue cheese, hold their own better with red meat. Medeira wild mushroom butter will be a heavy addition to the line in the fall.

"The beauty of these butters is you don't have to worry about marinating meat or fish ... it takes out the step of 'Do I need a spice rub?'" Arend said.

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• **NH ONLINE FARMERS**

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• **NH FOOD TOURS** Vistnh.gov, the state's tourism website, features several maps for food-related travel in the state including a Chocolate and Martini Tour, a brewery tour, Wine and Cheese Trails and maple syrup-related information.

**Festivals/cook-offs/expos/parties/book events**

• **MARY ANN ESPOSITO**, host of the PBS TV series *Ciao Italia*, will give a reading at the Warner Town Hall, 5 Main St., Warner, on Sat., July 14, at 7 p.m. A dessert buffet and book signing will follow the reading and question-and-answer session. Tickets cost \$7 at the door. Visit toryhillauthors-

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## Perishables

### It's all Greek to me ... thank goodness!

Five years ago, I didn't know Greek yogurt existed. Now, it's a staple in my diet and “regular” yogurt seems so *passé*. Sure, regular yogurt is tasty and packed with nutrients, but it just doesn't stack up next to the Greek stuff. In addition to being loaded with nutritional value, Greek yogurt is quite versatile and makes a great healthy substitute in many beloved American dishes.

While 6 ounces of normal nonfat yogurt contains 9 grams of protein, nonfat Greek yogurt packs 15. The moms I know with toddlers love this stuff because, while their kids are taking a while to grow accustomed to protein sources like meat, their kids easily take to this form of protein. Greek yogurt also contains significantly less sodium and sugar in addition to fewer carbohydrates. For breakfast or a snack, it's best to stick with the plain (to maintain the low-sugar aspect) and add your own toppings like fruit or granola.

One of the most interesting things about Greek yogurt is that it does not stay inside the lines. This “creamier-than-the-original” yogurt is a utility player skilled in playing parts at every meal. Smoothie addition? Check. Substitute for sour cream on tacos? Check. Flavor with dill and other spices for



dip? Check. That's right, Greek yogurt can meet you no matter what meal you're at.

One of the best ways to use plain, nonfat Greek yogurt is as a substitute for mayonnaise. It's no secret that mayo isn't exactly great for you and can easily turn healthy ingredients into an unhealthy menu selection. For an easy mayo substitute for sandwiches, take 1/8 of an avocado and combine with 1/2 to 1 tablespoon of plain, nonfat Greek yogurt. If you like avocado, you won't miss your mayonnaise here! I also want to offer a recipe for chicken salad using Greek yogurt. With a few little tweaks, you'll end up with a much healthier (and tastier) option than the original! —*Allison Willson Dudas*

*Each week in Perishables, Allison Willson Dudas digs through the fridge for stuff that needs using while it's fresh and concocts a home recipe to maximize its potential. Questions? Comments? E-mail her at [food@hippopress.com](mailto:food@hippopress.com).*

#### Healthy Chicken Salad, serves 6

*adapted from Cooking Light*

2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cooked and chopped

1/4 cup olive oil mayonnaise

3/4 cup plain, nonfat Greek yogurt

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1 tablespoon white wine vinegar

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1/3 cup chopped celery

1/2 cup halved fresh red grapes or 1/4 cup dried cranberries

7 tablespoons (about 2 ounces) coarsely chopped smoked almonds (optional)

6 cups mixed salad greens

Combine chicken (be sure it's cool from cooking) with yogurt, mayonnaise, lemon juice, vinegar and mustard. Mix well and add seasoning, celery, grapes and nuts. Cover and refrigerate for 20 minutes. Serve over salad greens.

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stead Farmers and Gardeners Network will host its first annual Open Farm Day on Sunday, July 22. Guests may spend the day exploring the following participating farms at the listed times: Duane Family Farm (122 Suncook Valley Road, 435-6867, [duane-familyfarm.com](http://duane-familyfarm.com), 10 a.m.-3 p.m.), Granite State Alpaca Farm (1575 Province Road, 435-6085, [granitestatealpacas.com](http://granitestatealpacas.com), noon-4 p.m.), Mountain View Farm (710 S. Barnstead Road, 269-0127, noon-4 p.m.), Sticks and Stones Farm (107 White Oak Road, 776-8989, [sticksandstonesfarm.net](http://sticksandstonesfarm.net), 10 a.m.-4 p.m.), Tiz a Miniature Horse Farm (158 Garland Road, 435-7351, [tizaminihorses.com](http://tizaminihorses.com), 10 a.m.-3 p.m.) and Veggies Galore and More (501 N. Barnstead Road, 387-7539, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.). Maps are available at Barnstead Community Market, 13A Parade Road, Barnstead.

• A sweet social in the Capital City: Con-

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• **Beat the heat with summer libations in Salem:** Tuscan Kitchen, 67 Main St., Salem, 952-4875, [tuscan-kitchen.com](http://tuscan-kitchen.com), is serving Peach Bellinis (champagne with peach purée and orange juice) and Tuscan Tinis (citron vodka, limoncello, hand-muddled basil, lime juice and simple syrup) through August. Both cocktails cost \$10.

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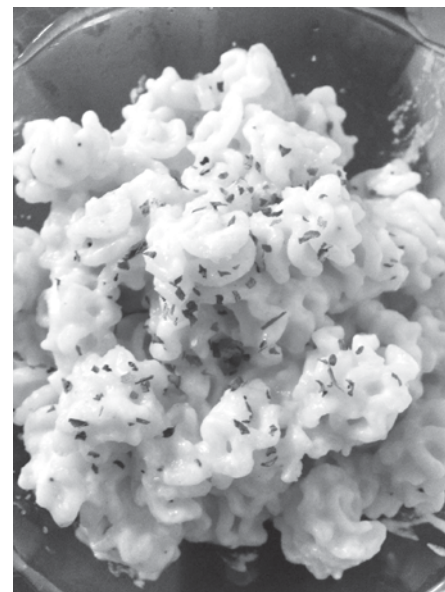
## From the Pantry Basil

In the summer, I love to use fresh herbs and spices whenever I can. But sometimes, when I just need a quick-fix dinner, I have to use what I have on hand in my pantry. While trolling the Internet for recipes this past week, I stumbled upon this one for a simple Alfredo sauce. I've tried multiple recipes for Alfredo in the past, never with any success. When I saw that this recipe called for only six ingredients, not including the pasta, I figured it would be nearly impossible to screw up. Plus, the recipe left room for the introduction of one of my favorite herbs, basil.

Basil, with origins beginning in India and then spreading to Europe through the Middle East, is one of the oldest known herbs. Not only is it a potent addition to a multitude of dishes, but it's also fabled in religion and medicine. With its name deriving from the Greek work "basileus," meaning king, basil has been used as an antidote for snake bites, and historically to give ancient peoples a source of strength during fasting. As a medicinal remedy, basil has been used to treat common health problems including poor digestion, headaches, anxiety, the common cold and even high levels of cholesterol.

The pungent, aromatic taste and smell of basil are showcased in this recipe. Alfredo sauce is rumored to have origins in Italy when a man by the name of Alfredo di Lelio created the recipe to feed his pregnant, and picky, wife. Like most recipes with unknown origins, it has changed over time, but Alfredo is nearly always a cream-, cheese- or otherwise dairy-based sauce. For this particular recipe, I had everything I needed on hand to toss it together.

To start, I melted half a cup of butter into a medium saucepan. Then, I added cream cheese and garlic powder, stirring until smooth. A little bit at a time, I added milk until the lumps from the cheese were smoothed out, and then stirred in Parme-



This quick-fix pasta brings out the best of basil. Lauren Mifsud photo.

san cheese and black pepper. Meanwhile, boil salted water for pasta. Cook the pasta according to the directions on the package. Once drained, toss with the Alfredo sauce.

Once the pasta was tossed with the sauce, I added the basil. The sweet, peppery taste of the basil amplifies the Parmesan cheese and garlic in the sauce. The basil complements the mild Alfredo sauce and lends a sweet, subtle flavor to the dish. I found that compared to other Alfredo sauces that I've attempted, this one turned out the best — likely because of the simplicity. It was a treat to have the ingredients on hand and not have to worry about running to the store for things like heavy cream. The sauce is brilliant on its own, but sprinkle with a bit of basil to kick this recipe into overdrive. — Lauren Mifsud

Each week in *From the Pantry*, Lauren Mifsud manages to make a satisfying meal or snack even if the fridge is empty, by digging through the pantry for forgotten staples and easy, always-ready flavors. How is your pantry stocked? E-mail Lauren Mifsud with questions or comments at [food@hippopress.com](mailto:food@hippopress.com).

### Alfredo Sauce

Recipe from Dawn Carter on [allrecipes.com](http://allrecipes.com)

- ½ cup butter
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 cups milk
- 6 ounces Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- basil to taste
- 1 package of pasta

Melt the butter in a medium saucepan. Once melted, add the cream cheese and garlic powder, stirring until smooth. Add the milk a little at a time to smooth out any lumps. Then, stir in the Parmesan cheese and pepper. Meanwhile, boil salted water and cook the pasta according to the directions on the package. Drain and toss with the sauce to coat. Add basil to taste before serving.

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### • HERB POTLUCK LUNCH

The New Hampshire chapter of the Northeast Organic Farming Association Herbal Network will host its herbal picnic at Langford Homestead, 160 Langford Road, Candia, on Sun., July 29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Herbalist Mimi Alberu will be featured at the free potluck picnic and will lead a walk to explore wild and invasive medicinal herbs. Guests are asked

to bring a potluck dish made with local, organic and herbal ingredients. RSVP to Maria Noel Groves at [nhnh@nofanh.org](mailto:nhnh@nofanh.org) or 340-5161.

### Chef events/special meals

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6 p.m., Chef Mark DiCicco will prepare a four-course meal in front of the diners. Dinner costs \$35 and reservations are recommended.

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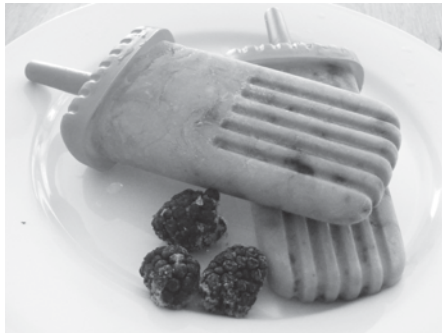
The varieties in nearly any supermarket dairy section are extensive: fruit-flavored, pie-flavored, fruit-on-the-bottom, organic, low-fat, fat-free, Greek-style, mousse-style, even packaged with toppings to create a customized parfait. It comes in plastic cups and jars and even squeezable tubes.

One could be excused for thinking the yogurt thing has gotten just a little out of control.

I am a skeptic of the widespread adulation yogurt receives, but am not an enemy of the cultured dairy product. Some of its iterations are downright yummy. I enjoy dipping graham crackers in Stonyfield Farm key lime yogurt. Granola mixed into thick vanilla yogurt is a snack that could easily pass as dessert.

And, of course, yogurt can be quite healthy, when not counterbalanced by loads of added sugar. The bacteria in yogurt — what are referred to as “live and active cultures” on many labels — can aid digestion. Yogurt is a good source of calcium and lean protein.

Recently, however, I have been leaning toward yogurt simplicity, eschewing the fruits and the flavors and the fancy varieties in favor of plain, full-fat yogurt, preferably from a local farm. In particular, I have become fond of the yogurt produced by Brookford Farm in Canterbury with help from its herd of 40 grass-fed cows.



What kinds of desserts can you make with this simplest of yogurts? Any number of cakes, quick breads and muffins rely on yogurt for a dense, moist texture. And when the weather starts getting hot, plain yogurt mixed with fruit and sweetened with honey makes a lightly sweet, slightly tangy and thoroughly refreshing frozen pop.

My recipe is tailored to my pop molds, which have a total volume of about 3 cups; scale the quantities up or down depending on your molds or containers (paper cups or, appropriately enough, empty yogurt cups work well if you don't have molds). Enjoy.

—Sarah Shemkus

*Each week in Just Desserts, Sarah Shemkus fiddles around with sweet ingredients to create a delectable homemade dessert and shares the results. To suggest your own ideas or ask more about hers, e-mail her at [food@hippopress.com](mailto:food@hippopress.com).*

#### Frozen Yogurt Berry Pops

*I formulated this recipe myself, inspired by something I glimpsed on Pinterest.*

1 cup any combination of blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, and/or sliced strawberries, fresh or frozen

2 cups plain yogurt

¼ to ½ cup honey

In a medium bowl, whisk honey and yogurt together until well blended. For pops with full chunks of frozen berry, fold berries into yogurt mixture. For less chunky pops, mash berries with back of a fork or chop in a food processor until desired consistency is achieved, then fold berries into yogurt.

Divide mixture between six frozen pop molds. Freeze until solid, at least several hours.

When ready to eat, run molds under hot water for a minute or two, then slide pop out.

hummus, pita chips, marinated almonds, garlicky cheese, olives, a choice of soup (typically chicken lemon or lentil Swiss chard) and tabouli or fetoosh. Four entrees — lamb, beef, chicken and vegetarian, all served with a starch and roasted vegetables — are offered each Friday. Guests are served espresso, baklava and fruit for dessert. The dinner costs \$23.95 per person and reservations are recommended. Guests may bring their own wine at no additional charge.

• **FAMILY-STYLE DINNER** 36 deLux, 36 Lowell St., Manchester, 644-1180, 36delux.com, offers family-style dinners for \$15 per person every Sunday.

#### Cooking classes/ workshops

• **ZEN BROWNIE CLASS** will be held Thurs., July 26, 6:30-8 p.m. at Dancing Lion Chocolate, 917 Elm St., Manchester. Learn how to make Dancing Lion's Zen Brownies—hands-on workshop

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• **A MARKET** The Manchester natural foods store's education center offers classes and workshops on health and nutrition. See [amarketnaturalfoods.com](http://amarketnaturalfoods.com).

• **CHEZ BOUCHER COOKING SCHOOL** 32 Depot Square in Hampton, 926-2202, [www.chezboucher.com](http://www.chezboucher.com), offers one-day workshops, mini-sessions, international cooking, cooking with friends, team-building, classes for kids, and more.

• **CO-OP CLASSES** The Concord Cooperative Market, 24 S. Main St. in Concord, 410-3099, [www.concordfoodcoop.coop](http://www.concordfoodcoop.coop), will hold a series of wellness and green living classes over the next few months. Even free classes require registration; call 225-6840 or e-mail [classes@concordfoodcoop.coop](mailto:classes@concordfoodcoop.coop) to sign up. See [www.concordfoodcoop.coop](http://www.concordfoodcoop.coop) or call 225-6840.

• **CREATIVE FEAST CLASS-ES** Liz Barbour's Creative Feast, [www.thecreativefeast.com](http://www.thecreativefeast.com), has classes and demonstrations. E-mail [lizb@thecreativefeast.com](mailto:lizb@thecreativefeast.com) or go online to register.

• **HANNAFORD SUPERMARKETS** offer free classes on stretching your food budget, healthy cooking, time-saving meals and more. See [www.hannaford.com](http://www.hannaford.com) and click on “news & events” for classes at the Hannaford near you.

#### Tastings

• **FUN FONDUE FRIDAY** is Fri., July 13, all day (11 a.m. to 7 p.m.) at Dancing Lion Chocolate, 917 Elm St., Manchester. Pay \$20 for a bowl of hot chocolate ganach and a plate of treats for dipping. Reservations recommended but not required. Call 625-4043.

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## DRINK

# Box wine has its moment

Some ideas for going glass-free at the beach

By Stefanie Phillips  
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What is summer without packing a cooler and enjoying a nice cold beverage beachside? I recently went on a search for beach-friendly wines, judged on both packaging and enjoyment. Here are my findings.

I will say that I wish most single servings of wine came in plastic bottles and not glass, but glass was all I found during a recent trip to my local supermarket. Just as a disclaimer: Extra caution should be taken when packing glass bottles into your beach bag, picnic basket or cooler. Then again, if you're used to packing wine bottles or bottled beer where glass is the norm, you're aware of this already.

Thankfully, some wine also comes in cardboard box-style containers, which are definitely beach-friendly. Just make sure you drink responsibly and where alcohol is allowed. These aren't necessarily the wines you will pull out at your next dinner party but they can add a note of fun to your next summer outing.

My first pick is **Gallo Family Pink Moscato**. This is a newer offering from Gallo Family, and while it's super affordable, it's also light and delicious. It starts off with aromas of peach and citrus, with hints of orange blossoms and red berries. It's sweeter and lighter than white zinfandel, and tastier, in my opinion. Recommended pairings include spicy dishes and sweet desserts. I purchased this wine in a four-pack of smaller bottles, perfect for packing in a cooler. Make sure you enjoy it nice and chilled.

My second choice is **Barefoot Vineyards Sweet Red**. I know I mentioned this wine in another column, but it is one of my new favorites and I just can't get enough of it. In a four-pack, it's a great choice for a day at the beach, served chilled. This wine is bursting with fruit flavors of cherries, raspberries and pomegranate. It's smooth and refreshing and captures the essence of summer. It's the perfect accompaniment for grilled vegetables, chicken and steak. Barefoot Vineyards also offers other wines in four-packs, including moscato and red moscato. Both of these are for sweet wine fans and can be enjoyed with fruit and cheese.

My first wine choice in truly beach-friendly packaging is **Bota Box 2010 Chardonnay**. Bota Box is a very eco-friendly company that uses 100 percent recyclable, unbleached post-consumer materials for its wine packaging. The full boxes of wine also stay fresh for weeks. In thinking about serving size for the beach, I grabbed a smaller 500ml container that looks like an adult juice box. Just add a straw and you're good to go! According to Bota Box, this smaller package reduces



Avoiding glass at your picnic? Here are some box alternatives (as well as a mini Gallo).

greenhouse gases, cuts fuel emissions due to a lighter shipping weight and is produced mainly from a renewable resource, paper. So while you're sitting seaside enjoying it, you're also choosing wine from a very environmentally conscious company. While chardonnay isn't my favorite, this one is light-bodied and crisp, with tropical fruit aromas and flavors of green apple, pineapple and vanilla. I would drink this wine if the other choices were limited, but I think most chardonnay fans would really like this wine and its convenience. Bota Box calls it "perfect for picnics" and suggests enjoying it with fried chicken, shrimp skewers or scallops. Make sure it is thoroughly chilled.

My final choice for the beach is **Bandit Sangria**, which comes in packaging similar to the Bota Box, but in a 1-liter size that is perfect for sharing, as it equals one and a third bottles of wine. Bandit Sangria is made from red California grapes blended with the company's own "top secret fruit juices" to create a "party in a box." Bandit suggests enhancing the sangria by adding fruit, an umbrella or carbonated water. I enjoyed this sangria with some fresh picked strawberries in a glass and it was delicious. It has aromas of red berries and cherries, with flavors of juicy ripe berries, cranberries and pomegranate. Some carbonated water would add some fizz and pizzazz as well. Bandit also makes moscato, pinot grigio, chardonnay, merlot and cabernet sauvignon in the same convenient packaging.

In addition to these great wines, I did see smaller champagne and sparkling wine four-packs on the shelves. They would be great to pack with some orange juice for beach-worthy mimosas or with peach puree for bellinis.

You can find all of these wines in most local supermarkets near the boxed wines.

### Drink Listings Breweries/Distilleries

• **ANHEUSER-BUSCH** 221 DW Hwy., Merrimack. Complimentary tours include a visit to the Clydesdale Hamlet, home of the world-famous Budweiser Clydes-

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## DRINK

### Red, white and green A lot of wine, a little cash

Given the nice hot days we've been having, we thought it a good idea to explore the growing popularity of the Sauvignon blanc grape.

Our first wine is a **2010 Clayhouse Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc** from Paso Robles (\$12.99). This wine is a light white, almost silver with a slight yellow cast. For nose we found a hint of lemon, green apple and kiwi. For taste we found a nice softness with a slight sweetness balanced well with acid. We thought it would go well with a nice soft cheese.

Our second wine was a **2010 Line 39 Sauvignon Blanc** from Lake County (\$8.99). This wine is a bit darker than



the Clayhouse with more of a straw color to it. On the nose we found grapefruit but it was quite faint. The nose is very light. For taste we got green pineapple with a hint of honey, a very tropical feel to it. We guessed it would make a great white sangria.

*Each week in "Red, White & Green," two wine-lovers look at red and white wines, none over \$20 (and most under \$15), in an attempt to find some great bottles for good prices. All prices are according to the state liquor store (nh.liquor.state.nh.us) unless otherwise stated.*

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• **INCREDIBREW/ GRAPE TIME WINERY** 112 DW Highway, Nashua, 891-2477, grape-timewinery.com (call for class schedule, tastings).

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• **REDHOOK BREWERY** 35 Corporate Drive, Pease Tradeport, Portsmouth, www.redhook.com, produces Redhook ales and features the Cataqua Public House offering brews and a pub menu. Tours offered Monday and Tuesday at 2 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday at noon, 1, 3 and 4 p.m.; Friday and Saturday every hour on the hour from noon to 4 p.m.; Sunday every hour on the hour from 1 to 4 p.m. For private tours, call 430-8600 ext. 327.

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• **BEER/WINE-MAKING** classes and demonstrations on making beer, wine and soda at IncREDIBREW, 112 DW Hwy., Nashua, 891-2477, incredibrew.com. Shop features fest-nights that focus on making a particular kind of beer.

• **FUNGUS AMONG US BREWFEST** will be held at IncREDIBREW, 112 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, 891-2477, incredibrew.com, on Thurs., July 19, at 6 p.m. Guests will brew a variety case of English Pub Ale. The class costs \$35 and registration is required.

• **ANNIVERSARY BREWFEST** will be held at IncREDIBREW, 112 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, 891-2477, incredibrew.com, on Sat., Aug. 11, at 9 and 11:30 a.m. The Fest costs \$35 to \$60, and registration is required.

#### Classes/workshops on beer/wine tasting

• **WINENOT BOUTIQUE** 170 Main St., Nashua, 204-5569, www.winenotboutique.com, offers six-week courses on different subjects related to wine. Sign up for all six classes or for individual sessions.

• **WINE SOCIETY** (650 Amherst St. #9 in Nashua, 883-4114; www.winesociety.us) offers classes for wine-lovers of all levels. New sessions start every few months. Call for upcoming schedule.

• **OAKED WINEFEST** will be held at Grape Time Winery, 112 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, 891-2477, incredibrew.com, on Thurs., Aug. 16, at 6 p.m. The Fest costs \$60 and registration is required.

#### Special wine tastings

• **WINE TASTING** and raffle will be held by the Franco-American Centre, at Saint Anselm College's Davison Hall, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, on Fri., July 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. The event will also feature a buffet and entertainment. Tickets cost \$35 at 641-7114.

• **RED, WHITE AND BLUES** wine tasting will be held at the Concord Cooperative Market, 24 S. Main St., Concord, 225-6840, concordfoodcoop.coop, on Thurs., July 26, from 6 to 8 p.m.

• **WINERY OPEN HOUSES** at LaBelle Winery, 100 Chestnut Hill Road, Amherst, 867-9520, labellewinerynh.com, will be held on Sat., July 28, at noon and 2:30 p.m. Registration is required.

• **NH WINE FESTIVAL** The association held its third annual celebration of local wines in August 2011. Check www.nhwineryassociation.com for information on this year's festival.

#### Special beer tastings

• **SNH BREWERS FESTIVAL** will be held at White Birch Brewing, 1339 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, on Sat., July 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. (doors open at 5 p.m. for VIP ticket-holders). Tickets cost \$45 (\$35 for designated drivers, \$60 for VIP) at southernnhbrewersfestival.com

• **REDHOOK FEST** will be held at Redhook Brewery at Pease International Tradeport in Portsmouth on Sat., Aug. 18, at 2 p.m. moe. will headline the festival, which will also feature food vendors, Redhook beer and activities for children. Tickets cost \$25 at redhook.com, and the Cataqua Public House (children younger than 12 get in free with the purchase of an adult ticket).

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• **REPORTING FROM THE FRONT LINES!** So on Saturday, the wife and I celebrated our anniversary by graciously accepting VIP passes for the **Styx/REO Speedwagon/Ted Nugent** show at the Meadowbrook in Gilford. We arrived midway through **Da Nuge's** set, and he's playing a few of his three-chord songs, whatever, but what you want to know about is the political raving stuff, and yes, he did some of that between tunes, bellowing "Let's vote those [redacted] out of office," and stuff like that, basically a kind of wild-fired anger he's held onto since he was widely mocked and derided by the hippies in the 1960s, when he was the only dude at the parties who didn't drink or smoke. I feel sorry for the guy in that regard, so if he wants to be a loon about Obama's birth certificate, that's OK. But always follow the money with this guy, in his nappy olive-drab camouflage Stetson: He's an NRA shill, part of the divisive ideological psychic smog from the Fox News side. He looks down on the front row, joking "Well... New Hampshire! You think you some baaaaa [bleep-bleeps] huh?" I'm thinking, well yes, we do, and that includes the growing majority of us folks who are really sick of being called traitors by old white Medicare-dependent hypocrites just because we want some respectable guarantee of healthcare and a few basic protections for our kids. I don't care that Nugent is a human NASCAR with a big NRA sticker on his hood, but when he's yelling "Freeeeedooooom!" while the band spazzes out of the last song, you really need to know he means "Freedom for corporate rockers to get a yearly Nairobi safari." Not that I have a real problem with that — really, the only thing that's actually cool about Nuge is that he does like to hunt on a level playing field, him against Mother Nature. If he's stomped to death by a rhino, he asked for it, and at least he gave the squirrels and stuff a vacation that week.

Kevin, the singer from **REO Speedwagon**, takes the "Why can't we all just get along" political approach, doing so in a shticky Baptist preacher voice, which instantly solves world hunger. They do their '80s radio hits — "Can't Fight This Feeling," etc., which I barely notice because they had played "Don't Let Him Go" first, which was half the reason I even decided to go to this show in the first place.

The other reason is that **Styx** is an awesome band to see live. I know what you're thinking, the elf boots thing, but stop, OK — nowadays Tommy Shaw and James Young are just old pro business dudes who seem rightly grateful to have been part of a few legendary albums that were just prog enough to make them look like masters of their instruments. We point out our VIP badges to the security guys, who can only look on helplessly and wave us on to the very front. Styx blows doors, we get in the car.

I will say, in closing, that the Meadowbrook traffic staff got us out of there quickly; we were back on Route 93 before we even knew it. Aside from a barfy drink, the whole night was totally rad. —*Eric W. Saeger*

## POP CULTURE:

## CDS

Scissor Sisters, *Magic Hour*  
Casablanca Records, May 28



I was pissed it took PR so long to get me this one, not just because I knew it'd be a great album for summer beach drives but also because for a long time now my money's been on this crew to deliver the best all-purpose party-album of the millennium and I wanted to see if I was right, which, wouldn't you know, I was (I can't with good conscience give the nod to Teddybears, what with all the instant cred they get from the stars they drag into the studio to help them out — why does every giant new mega-album have to have 50,000 'feat' guests making little

difference aside from screwing up the continuity?). Led by grown-up gay-performance-artist Jake Shears and his butchy sidekick Ana Matronic, the band itself boldly goes to the final frontier (of this cultural era anyway), providing a clinic on upfitting sheer '70s funk ("Baby Come Home"), disco Bee Gees ("Inevitable") and kinky "Kiss"-era Prince ("Keep Your Shoes On") with the accoutrements of the day, such as irresistible futurepop ("Only the Horses") and line-dancing tribal-house ("Let's Have a Kiki"). My music-critic Clinton Kelly side can't help but pop out upon beholding such perfection, like I found myself thinking things like "Yup, look at that, a little splash of dubstep. Love. It." **A+** —*Eric W. Saeger*

The Drowning Men, *All of the Unknown*  
Borstal Beat Records, July 17



The formidable list of bands for whom these guys have opened includes Alkaline Trio and Airborne Toxic Event, gigs they rightly earned through a depressingly rare ability to write really good songs. They also opened for Flogging Molly, who liked them so much they made these working-class Cali guys the first signee to Molly's newborn Bortsal Beat label. The band's sound is a no-brainer combination of Arcade Fire and Coldplay, which in lesser hands would (quite ham-handedly) signal an intention to jump past any dues-paying slumming on a

broke-ass indie label doing weird-beard-posturing music before rising straight to alternative-radio heaven — come to think of it, that's what's going on here, sure, but this is a rare case where it might work, if they can eventually find within themselves a lead-vocal sound that isn't a dead ringer for either Chris Martin or Win Butler, which goes on here to such a degree that it almost sounds like some sort of supergroup team-up or whatever. But vocal unoriginality is their only sin; if you want to hear one of the best indie-rock songs ever — and I make that statement with all seriousness — try "I Am a Beggar Man." **A** —*Eric W. Saeger*

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## POP CULTURE:

*This is How: Help for the Self: Proven Aid in Overcoming Shyness, Molestation, Fatness, Spinsterhood, Grief, Disease, Lushery, Decrepitude & More, For Young and Adult Alike* by Augusten Burroughs (St. Martin's, 230 pages)



Regardless of how many books gush forth from the publishing world over the next six months, Augusten Burroughs has already locked down the prize for title of the year.

You may not be a spinster, wallflower or lush, but the catalogue of ills that follows "This is How: Help for the Self" promises a rollicking good time. On that, it doesn't deliver. Suicide and dying children and molestation do not make for thigh-slapping fun. It's an insidious bait-and-switch, or the most genius book marketing ever. Let's go with the latter, as this is a darkly smart and moving tome on the worth of life and hope.

In previous books, Burroughs wrote of his alarming childhood, which led to alarming alcoholism, which led, unpredictably, to a successful advertising career and a wealth of best-selling memoirs. Dysfunction doesn't sell well naked, but beautifully wrapped in startling choices of words, it has potential to hit the big screen. But you don't have to have seen the film based on his *Running With Scissors*, or read Burroughs' other memoirs, including the unsettling *A Wolf at the Door*, to intuit his demons. *This is How* stands on its own.

The book is a series of short essays, one-sided conversations you might expect to have with Burroughs in a bar, if you're both there late, and no one else is around, and you turn to him, because there's nobody else there, and say, "How the hell do I tell my child that she is dying?"

Or, "How do I deal with the fact that tubes are about to run in and out of my partner like snakes, and then he is going to die and leave me here all alone with my anger?"

Burroughs has an answer for that; in fact, he has answers for pretty much everything.

In a nutshell, it's this: If your life is crap, you have the right to go around frowning; you don't have to lie to yourself or to others about how horrible your life is right now.

## BOOKS

But you do owe it to yourself — and only yourself — to fix it. The promises of suicide are lies. Disease and death are scarier at the outset than in practice. Crap happens. But so do miracles.

It's a little like Dr. Norman Vincent Peale if he'd come back a zombie. It's happy talk coated in tar, but it works. Take the brilliantly sensible chapter on suicide. Explaining the thought process of someone about to slash their wrists in a bathtub, Burroughs does not write in first person, but it's clear he's been there. Eventually, he concludes he doesn't want to kill himself; he just wants to end his life. And, "Ending my life didn't mean I had to die."

What it did mean was radical change.

This is why the former Chris Robison, formerly scared, scarred kid of western Massachusetts, is now Augusten Burroughs, best-selling author with a formal education culminating with a GED. This is why a bald, tattooed, heavily therapied gay man can say with confidence that his life experiences can help an overweight soccer mom in Tulsa lose that last 20 pounds. With radical change comes a stirring hubris.

Fatness, spinsterhood and lushery are the small stuff, though, and Burroughs, on the book jacket, says *This is How* is the book he was born to write, no small claim. His observations on rage, self-pity, obsessive thinking and other psychological pitfalls are fresh, harsh and platitude-free. He's a one-man Moveon.org. There is no value in "processing" bad past experiences; resolution or closure is rarely found, and if it is, it doesn't heal. What works is to stop fondling your emotional baggage. "The past does not haunt us. We haunt the past," he says. Getting bogged down in a bad childhood, or a bad marriage, he says, is indicative that you need larger life: "Something that can successfully compete with your past."

If it all seems disconnected and disjointed, this manual of advice on jarringly diverse topics, well, it is, but to read Burroughs, one need not connect all the dots. *This Is How* may not solve every perplexity of life, but it's a useful salve, an excellent map and, but for some occasional gratuitous profanity, a rousing and exhilarating pep talk. **A-**

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• **KATHERINE HOWE** will discuss and sign copies of her latest historical novel, *The House of Velvet and Glass*, on Fri., July 13, at 7 p.m. at Toadstool Bookshop in Milford. Howe is also the author of NYT-bestselling *The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane*.

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• **NANCY BERGERON** will talk about her book *The Postmaster's Cottage* on Tues., July 17, at 7 p.m. at Water Street Bookstore in Exeter.

• **DEBORAH HARKNESS** will talk about her new book, *Shadow of Night*, a sequel to her bestselling debut *A Discovery of Witches*, at a Writers in the Loft event on Thurs., July 19, at 7 p.m. at The Music Hall Loft in Portsmouth. Tickets, \$43, include reserved seat, book, bar beverage, author presentation, Q&A and book-signing meet-and-greet. Call 436-2400 or go to [themusichall.org](http://themusichall.org).

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• **LOCAL AUTHORS NIGHT** is Wed., July 25, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., 887-3404, [chesterlibrary.com](http://chesterlibrary.com), featuring local authors who write for young readers. Authors Gardner M. Browning, Michelle McCorkle, Eric Pinder, and Paula Casey Wood will be present to talk about and sell some of their works.

• **CHRIS CLEAVE** will talk about his new novel, *Gold*, on Wed., July 25, at 7:30 p.m. at The Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, as part of the Writers on a New England Stage series. Tickets to the event cost \$13 and are available at the box office, 436-2400 or [www.themusichall.org](http://www.themusichall.org). Copies of the book can be

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• **JENNIE FIELDS** will talk about her book *The Age of Desire*, about Edith Wharton, on Wed., Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. at Gibson's Bookstore in Concord.

### Lectures and discussions

• **WORLD'S WORST WEATHER** slideshow presentation about the weather on Mt. Washington, by veteran weather observer Eric Pinder, on Thurs., July 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Hooksett Public Library.

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### Book discussions

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• **MANCHESTER CITY LIBRARY** evening book discussion group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Hunt Room.

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• **NASHUA READS: ONE CITY, ONE BOOK 2012** selection is *When Madeline Was Young*, by Jane Hamilton. See [nashualibrary.org/nashuareads.htm](http://nashualibrary.org/nashuareads.htm) for a list of book discussions and related events, culminating with a visit from the author on Sun., Oct. 21, at the Rivier College Dion Center in Nashua (tickets \$7 in advance).

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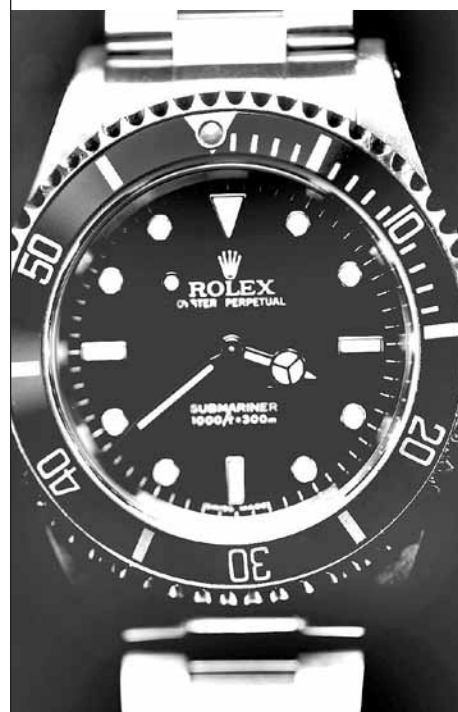
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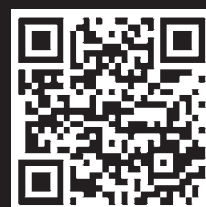
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**POP CULTURE:** **FILM**

# Caught in the crisis

Filmmaker follows locals' financial choices

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When the country's economy fell flat on its face a few years ago, much of the blame was levied on massive financial institutions on Wall Street. But local filmmaker Rob Azevedo didn't see individuals being held accountable in the same way, or at all, for that matter. So he's making a movie about it.

Azevedo is in the thick of production of his newest film project, *Overdrawn*. The film follows the lives of three people in the mortgage crisis.

"What we're doing in the film is we're jamming a finger in the eye of the individual during those years," Azevedo said. "It's more bringing to light their role in the mass of foreclosures that took place."

"Those years" are the period between 2005 and 2010. Azevedo saw people living outside their means. He saw people buying expensive homes and cars. He saw people buying vacation properties. He saw people living a lifestyle they simply couldn't afford, and he saw that catch up with them.

"I just didn't feel like people were being held accountable," Azevedo said. "...Individuals just cried ignorance and corporate manipulation. I just didn't feel like they were taking responsibility for their role in it."

The film follows the individuals before, during and after the economic collapse. The people in the film all have jobs — as Azevedo said, "Nobody is going hungry." But the lure of free credit took hold, he said.

"It just strangled them, and they jumped on board and took it," Azevedo said. "They were overextending themselves. They were concerned with stainless steel kitchens, monstrous SUVs and second homes on the lake."

Make no mistake: Azevedo isn't making out the big corporations and the big banks as the good guys. "They are out there to make money off you," he says. But the way he sees it is that when you close the deal on a house, you, the buyer, have to sign your initials probably 40 times, and that's 40 opportunities for people to realize they can't afford that house.

"If I can only afford a mortgage of \$1,500 per month, why am I signing a mortgage for more than I can afford?" Azevedo said.

Azevedo, whose brother Mike Azevedo is directing the film, said the film is more of a satire than anything. Production has taken the film crew all around the Manchester area, with shooting at the Wild Rover Pub, WildCards Automotive and Keith Paul Salon in Manchester. The crew took to a sandpit outside Manchester last week.

"We're all over the place," Azevedo said. "We're using every place we can get."

The plan is to complete production in mid-August so that the film can be ready for the Somewhat North of Boston Film Festival in Concord this November. If all goes well, it will be the third year in a row Azevedo has entered a film in the SNOB Festival.

"We want to get in there again this year,"



Manchester filmmaker Rob Azevedo has shot several scenes of his newest film, *Overdrawn*, in Manchester. Pictured here are scenes from filming at Wildcards Automotive. Courtesy photo.

Azevedo said. "In 2010, we won best short drama [*Heavy Seven*]. In 2011, we won best short comedy [*Muddy*] and also top honors as Best of the Fest. We're looking to make a good product so we can bring it in again."

So far, so good with regard to production. Azevedo said things are right on schedule. Four of the actors are from Manchester, and the lead role is played by a Boston-based actor. Adam Flaherty is the director of photography.

"It came quick," Azevedo said. "The best stuff comes quick. I had just finished writing another script and it just came to mind. I literally wrote it in three days."

Usually, it doesn't come together that quickly. The first movie Azevedo made, *Heavy Seven*, took about two years to come together.

"I don't like laboring over it and picking over it to death," Azevedo said.

Azevedo hopes his film prompts people to think a little more about their financial decisions.

"Stop shirking what really happened," he says. "A lot of people who lost their homes — not every case, but a lot of people who lost their homes — lived in sweet neighborhoods, with sweet cars with beautiful kitchens. They were living well beyond their means. They weren't making enough money to afford that lifestyle. When it all hit the fan, they cried poor-mouth. Own up to it. Look at the financial situation and the way you're living, your lifestyle. Can you afford it or are you slowly burying yourself?"

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The Amazing Spider-Man

## The Amazing Spider-Man (PG-13)

**Peter Parker once again is bitten by a spider, gains surprising climbing abilities and learns that thing about great power and great responsibility in *The Amazing Spider-Man*, the retelling of a franchise we just yesterday (or 2007, really) saw with different actors and villains.**

Peter (Andrew Garfield) has been rebooted back to high school, where he is a slightly picked-on kid whose hobbies include taking photos and looking wistfully at Gwen Stacy (Emma Stone). Side hobbies include wondering what happened to his parents — who, in a hurry, left a younger Peter with Aunt May (Sally Field) and Uncle Ben (Martin Sheen) and then died, I guess — and building cool inventions (a remote-controlled deadbolt and, later, a web shooter). All of these things collide when Peter sneaks his way into Oscorp — where Gwen is working as an intern — and winds up in a lab with genetically engineered spiders. He's bitten and finds himself transformed a few hours later.

Norman Osborn (the villain of the last Spider-Man origin movie) is dying off-screen in this one. Here, it's scientist Curt Connors (Rhys Ifans), a friend of Peter's

dad, who causes trouble. Once again, when a project isn't going as hoped, the scientist injects his own invention, and chaos ensues.

What would I think of this movie if the Tobey Maguire versions had never existed? I wonder, because it is almost impossible to think of this movie as its own standalone entity. *The Amazing Spider-Man* doesn't create the world anew in the way that *Batman Begins* did some eight years after *Batman & Robin*. (And, whatever its problems, *Spider-Man 3* wasn't nearly as bad as the George Clooney Batman.) I couldn't help but think about the last iteration when I watched *The Amazing Spider-Man*. The criticism I've seen other places about this movie is that it's good but unnecessary — agreed. We get nothing new, really, about Spider-Man. The Christopher Nolan Batman movies gave us a different kind of darker Batman, and a very specific kind of Gotham that was unlike the one in the Tim Burton movies or even the one in the much beloved cartoon. Her, we get roughly the same New York City and characters who are tonally similar to that earlier series. Sheen's Ben and Field's May are younger-seeming than Cliff Robinson and Rosemary Harris in the Sam Rami movies, but they still serve the same purpose of helping Peter find his moral center. Garfield is a less aggressively goofy Peter than Maguire was, but he doesn't

present a wholly different character — he's still a teenager prone to moodiness and not quite sure how to handle his new powers. This Spider-Man is a bit more of a tinkerer and a bit more of a loner.

Perhaps the real difference between the two movies is evident in the biggest difference between the two stories, namely Peter's crush: Gwen Stacy versus Mary Jane Watson. Kirsten Dunst played Mary Jane much bigger in the aughts trilogy. She is a would-be actress with big dreams and big loves. Gwen seems more like a smart girl who sees the nice guy in Peter before he gets his powers and the potential troublemaker in him after. Stone is a more engaging actress than Dunst and because Stone brings a much-needed element of humor to the movie, I think I liked her more. She is less epic but more enjoyably down-to-earth.

Which describes the movie itself. Those older *Spider-Man* movies had Sam Rami's sense of humor, a more classic comic-book-y romance, a dorkier Peter Parker and more mustache-twirling from the villains. In fact, this movie has less villain — the ultimate bad guy turns out to be a half-speed variation on a Dr. Octopus-type figure. Instead, we get a more contemplative Peter who is struggling with his past (the family mystery is a big element here) and his role as Spider-Man as much as he is with a villain. Instead of "with great power comes great responsibility," here the mission statement is something more like "if you have it within your power to help people, you should." Similar ideas, but presented on a smaller, more humble scale. Much like the movie itself. **B**

*Rated PG-13 for sequences of action and violence. Directed by Marc Webb from a screenplay by James Vanderbilt, Alvin Sargent and Steve Kloves (based on the comic books), The Amazing Spider-Man is two hours and 16 minutes long and distributed by Sony.*

## Savages (R)

**Two partners in a pot business face a very hostile takeover from a Mexican cartel in *Savages*, a movie that likes itself a lot.**

Ben (Aaron Johnson) is a botany expert who has learned to grow some top-notch weed and has set up a successful businesses selling it legally (California) but mostly illegally. Chon (Taylor Kitsch), his business partner, brought the seeds for that excellent weed to California from Afghanistan, where he was stationed as a Navy SEAL. Now, he also serves as the muscle. And, while muscle is something Ben has tried not to need, it looks like he could use some large men with big guns now. Elena (Salma Hayek), boss of a large and violent Mexican drug cartel, would like to go into business with them. Though the terms might seem favorable — keeping 80 percent of the profits but working with the backing of this larger "corporation" —there are some serious drawbacks, as demonstrated in videos the cartel sends out wherein people (drug dealers not willing to partner) are separated from their heads via chainsaw. At a meeting with Elena's representatives, the men try to just give the cartel their business if the cartel lets them walk away. When that offer isn't accepted, Ben and Chon say they'll think about a partnership. The cartel agrees to give them time to consider it, but it becomes clear that the guys are planning to bail rather than work with these thugs. Elena sends Lado (Benicio Del Toro) to put some pressure on the guys. Unfortunately for Ophelia (Blake Lively), Ben and Chon's shared girlfriend, she's the pressure point. Lado kidnaps and holds her hostage as Elena tries to force the guys to do things her way.

So, Blake Lively. I pick her as the place where my problems with this movie begin in part because the movie picks her. She is the movie's narrator (just because she's telling us this story doesn't mean she's alive at the end of it, she sulkily informs us at the beginning) and

the thing the movie fetishizes. She is so wonderful, we are told, that both men want her and they are willing to share her. We are asked to feel their desperation about getting her back — whatever it takes, whoever else has to die. The movie shows us Ophelia — called simply "O" — on the beach with her hair fluttering, at the mall spending her mother's money, in pain when she's being held captive. For all that she is the thing spurring the men to confront the cartel, O doesn't get much of a personality beyond "sexy." This kind of woman-as-MacGuffin is not uncommon in this kind of movie, the kind of movie full of shootouts and heists and corrupt cops (John Travolta as a DEA agent here) and suitcases of cash. I'm not sure how I'm supposed to read O — as a personification of the fragility of peace or something — but she doesn't seem like a daring or desirable person. She seems like lazy writing.

All of *Savages* has that same slightly hacky feel to it, like I'm watching Oliver Stone (who directed and co-wrote this film) show me how badass he can be. It reminded me of the post-*Pulp Fiction* years where it felt like every movie had to have wacky violence and some kind of narrative funny business. But far too many of those movies didn't use their gimmicks to create anything fun or original. (Consider, by comparison, the first scene of *Inglourious Basterds*, which was gimmicky as all get-out but one of the most fun stretches of film in recent years.) Here: the creepy Benicio Del Toro (writes itself, really), the cartel boss with a weakness, the fast-talking dirty law enforcement agent. It all feels rather wearily familiar. **C-**

*Rated R for strong brutal and grisly violence, some graphic sexuality, nudity, drug use, and language throughout. Directed by Oliver Stone with a screenplay by Stone & Shane Salerno & Don Winslow (from a novel by Winslow), Savages is two hours and 10 minutes long and distributed by Universal.*

## Reviewlets: Snack-sized movie reviews

\* indicates a movie worth seeing. For reviews of graded films, go to [www.hippopress.com](http://www.hippopress.com).

### Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter (R)

Benjamin Walker, Dominic Cooper. Seth Grahame-Smith — of *Pride & Prejudice & Zombies* fame — adapts his book about vampires and the Civil War for the big screen. So much kick-ass material, so little kick-ass

in the movie. **C-**

### Brave (PG)

Voice of Kelly Macdonald, Emma Thompson. Pixar finally gets a girl hero in this take of a spunky red-headed Scottish princess who seeks to control her own fate. Not one of Pixar's finest but *Brave* is still solid family fare. **B+**

### Katy Perry: Part of Me (PG)

Katy Perry, screaming fans.

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### Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG)

Ray Romano, Denis Leary. Also lending their voices are John Leguizamo, Queen Latifah, Aziz Ansari, Peter Dinklage and Joy Behar in the continuing adventures of Manny, Diego and Sid. Opens

Friday, July 13.

### Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG)

Voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock. The gang continues its attempts to return to New York, winding up with a traveling circus in Europe. **B**

### Magic Mike (R)

Channing Tatum, Joe Manganiello.

Steven Soderbergh delivers the beefcake in this story about a male stripper who has dreams for more in his life yadda yadda whatever, Alcide, ladies, there will be shirtless Alcide. **B**

### Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13)

Bruce Willis, Edward Norton. Two 12-year-olds find adventure when they run wild on a New England island for a few days in the summer of 1965.

Wes Anderson at his most charming. **A**

### Prometheus (R)

Noomi Rapace, Michael Fassbender. In this not-a-prequel (but it's, like, totally a preview), people go to space to follow clues about the origins of human life on Earth and find dark scary cave places (but they do so in fetching jumpsuits). **C+**



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16, and Tues., July 17, at 2:10,  
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p.m.; Fri., July 13, through Sun.,  
July 15, at 12:40, 3, 5:30 & 8  
p.m.; Mon., July 16, and Tues.,  
July 17, at 2, 5:30 & 8 p.m.; and  
Wed., July 18, at 2 & 8 p.m.  
• **The Innkeepers** (R, 2011) Fri.,  
July 13, at 9:30 p.m.  
• **Orphans of the Storm** (1921)  
silent film with live musical accom-  
paniment, Sat., July 14, at 7 p.m.  
• **Fixing the Future** (NR, 2010)  
Wed., July 18, at 7:30 p.m.

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July 13, through Wed., July 18, at  
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& 4:30 p.m.  
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p.m.; Thurs., July 19, through  
Fri., July 20, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat.,  
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• **Fixing the Future** (2010, NR)  
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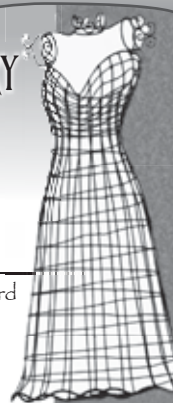
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# HIPPO NITE

## Nite Roundup

### Local music & nightlife news

By Michael Witthaus  
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• **Correction:** A story in last week's Hippo erroneously referred to Craving Lucy as a cover band. In fact, the Manchester rockers have an original album to their credit, 2007's *Therapy*, and new single "Drama Queen" released in June. The band is soliciting fan-designed artwork for *Resolution*, an EP due in August, at [www.cravinglucy.com](http://www.cravinglucy.com). Their next live date is at The Middle East in Cambridge, Mass. on Friday, Aug. 10. More local shows are expected after the EP is completed. The Hippo regrets the error.

• **Smoky room:** Local DJ John Midas Manning says the musical evening planned for a downtown cigar and hookah bar will be "very chill, downtempo experimental vibe — Middle East meets space jazz." Always one to change things up, Midas recently launched a very atypical EDM Friday night residency at TJ's in Manchester playing his favorites "mixed with stuff that sounds like a jam band." See Tantra w/ Midas on Thursday, July 12, at 9 p.m. at Karma Cigar & Hookah Lounge, 1077 Elm. St. in Manchester. Call 647-6653 for more info.

• **Good guys:** Two benefit shows will help 7-year-old Mikey Waite, who's been hospitalized since April and underwent major heart surgery in June. Dubbed "Kick Start My Heart Parts 1 & 2," the first event features local rockers Boogie On Alice. On July 28, four metal bands perform: Conforza, Taxi Cab Dismemberment, The Atlas Collapse and The Spear Coddle Memorial Choir Band. See Boogie On Alice on Friday, July 13, at 9 p.m. at Henniker Junction, 316 Weare Road in Henniker. Go to [www.boogieonalice.com](http://www.boogieonalice.com).

• **Sunsplash:** Music gets under way just past noon and continues into the night at a reggae festival also featuring food and craft brewers tapping their wares on site. Bands performing include Dub Apocalypse (with members of John Brown's Body, G Love, Morphine, and The Nate Wilson Group), Van Gordon Martin, Rhythm Inc., The Equalites and Hot Like Fire. Attend the Rochester Reggae and Rhythm Craft Brew Fest on Saturday, July 14, at 1 p.m. at The Governor's Inn, 78 Wakefield St. in Rochester. Tickets are \$10 at [www.governorsinn.com](http://www.governorsinn.com).

• **Of their peers:** Manchester rockers Lords of Audio came up with a novel way to get fans involved in the making of the band's new CD: Make everyone part of a "jury" to decide with songs they should take into the studio. All of the demo tracks will be previewed; the audience will decide which ones should be polished for release. Attend Jury Duty — Lords of Audio Listening Party on Sunday, July 15, at 5 p.m. at Mad Bob's Saloon, 342 Lincoln St. in Manchester. There's more information at [www.facebook.com/lordsofaudio](http://www.facebook.com/lordsofaudio).

## Young and rich in talent

### MB Padfield knows how to stand up and sing

By Michael Witthaus  
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Is MB Padfield an overachiever?

In a promotional video for her new CD, the singer songwriter's band mates answer with an emphatic yes.

"She has a lot of energy," says one. "Never slows down," agrees another.

Considering that the 16-year-old is already a year into college, while taking online courses at Berklee to hone her budding professional music career, that's something of an understatement. In her spare time, Padfield boxes, sews, trains seeing eye dogs and she'll bedazzle a ukulele if you ask.

Padfield began lugging her gear out to area nightclubs to perform when most people her age were occupied with deciding between Nickelodeon and Disney Channel cartoons, first at the regular Tupelo Music Hall open-mike nights hosted by songwriter friend Joe Young.

Having to wait until near closing time to do a short set didn't deter her. If anything, it committed her even more to being a full-time musician.

"I was going home one night after midnight," she recalls. "I put the key in the door and thought, 'Yeah, this is what I want to do.' Friends said that would wear off, but I don't mind it."

A self-produced EP done at age 15 gained the attention of Rocking Horse Studio. Early this year, she recorded a full-length album at the Pittsfield facility. Released in June, the album includes support from Greg Hawkes of seminal Boston band The Cars and Nashville rocker Cal Olivier, who also invited Padfield to sing backup on his record.

*Hey You!* is a well-rounded effort, and so far, well-received. The flirty "Silly Boy," with Hawkes on ukulele, received airtime on radio station WXRV. The reflective "Unforgettable" deals with teen suicide, while "Bar Room Romance" is a bluesy romp, and the title track is a bouncy country rocker.

Padfield cites varied musical influenc-

es. She enjoys rappers — Mac Miller, Chris Webby and Eminem — "I like their twisting of words," she says. Folk pop artists like John Mayer and Colbie Callait also inspire her, and she'll cover everything from Sublime to Johnny Cash at her shows; she even puts her own stamp on George Thorogood's "Bad to the Bone." She's a big fan of California actress and singer songwriter Jenn Grinels, whom she also counts as a friend.

So far, it's a busy summer for Padfield, who's playing three to four times a week at Murphy's Taproom, Fratello's, Jokers and other area venues. Her July 19 appearance, opening for the Manchester Community Music School Summer Community Band, will be her fourth appearance on the Veterans Park stage.

Padfield's music is often mature beyond her years, tackling difficult topics in a singular way. "You Can't Break Me Down" is an anti-bullying song that urges a proactive response. It's also autobiographical. During her freshman year in high school, she endured relentless verbal and physical taunting.

After a group of schoolmates created a Facebook page to ridicule her, Padfield went on the offensive.

"I took charge for my own well-being," she says. She confronted one of the students, demanding they take it down. "I am one to stand up for myself," she explains. "I think differently than a typical teenager, and a lot of people don't understand where I am coming from." The incident almost ended in tragedy, when the rattled boy drew a knife and began menacing her with it.

When she sat down to write about the experience, Padfield wanted to send a unique message. "I would listen to other songs about bullying, and it was always 'poor me, this isn't going to work out for me' — I wanted an anthem for kids to keep their head up," she says.

Padfield was home schooled from that point on — "I decided high school wasn't for me," she says. Inspired by the book *Col-*



MB Padfield. Courtesy photo.

*lege Without High School*, she enrolled at Manchester Community College at age 14. "I started with anatomy and physiology, and I have 32 credits so far — and I'm a 16-year-old with a full-time job."

Although she took a few piano lessons early on, Padfield is mostly self-taught as an instrumentalist. One of the online classes she's currently taking is Voice Technique 101, but her foray into Berklee College of Music is mainly about professional development.

"I wanted the prestigious Berklee name, and I wanted to be able to network with people and instructors and musicians, so it seems like a logical idea for me," she says. "Certification doesn't mean crap in the music industry, but this is giving me more skills and tools in my artist box that I can put to use in my music."

#### MB Padfield

**When:** Thursday, July 19, at 7 p.m. at Veterans Park in downtown Manchester  
For a full itinerary, go to [www.reverbnation.com/mbpadfield](http://www.reverbnation.com/mbpadfield)

## Harlow's gets an uplift

### All-day music for a favorite listening room

By Michael Witthaus  
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For many area musicians, playing at Harlow's Pub is a common rite of passage. The Peterborough listening room is a longtime friend to the independent music scene, welcoming a wide array of styles. So when it became clear that Harlow's needed significant renovations, several regular performers agreed to pitch in.

The result is the Uplift Music Festival, an all-day gathering on Saturday, July 14, at Oak Park in Greenfield. Drummer Mike Chadinha is one of the organizers; he's played the venue as a member of jam band Roots of Creation.

Owner Dave Szehi purchased Harlow's

Cafe and Deli from original owner Harlow Richardson in mid-1996, remodeling it into a bar and performance space over the following winter. It's been a haven to people like Chadinha ever since.

"Harlow's has been big on the music scene in the Monadnock area for quite a while," he says. "Given the number of bands that come through there and how well Dave treats them, we thought it would be a good idea to see what we could do."

The event began as a benefit concert and turned into a celebration of New Hampshire music.

A dozen area bands volunteered, including several from the Monadnock region. A wide range of musical styles are represented, from the blues rock of Otis and the

Elevators, who perform with special guest Luther "Guitar Junior" Johnson, classic covers group SheepDip Project, and the eclectic, jazz-inflected rock of Ghost Dinner Band.

Manchester is represented by hip-hop group State of the Block, while reggae band All Good Feel Good Collective will travel from the Seacoast to perform. "They are the furthest away," Chadinha says. "It's a really high-energy ska show, with sharp suits and a full horn section, just super fun."

Playing what they describe as "American Tribal Music," the Folksoul Band features accordion, guitar, trombone, piano, hand drums and saxophone. The group's repertoire includes lots of New Orleans-inspired music, from Dixieland to Zydeco.

Great Groove Theory, led by harp player



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Adeem. Courtesy photo.

Russell Novotny, is part of a blues contingent that includes Willie J. Laws, a guitarist who has built a solid following since moving to New Hampshire from Texas. Also on hand is The Youngest Sun, a jam band made up of players from Keene State and Peterborough. "They're all in their early 20s and super talented," Chadinha says.

Acoustic Americana band Redwing Blackbird, the duo of former Death To Tyrants members Austin Wright and Eric Gagne, will appear. Birch Benders, led by Bill and April Jubett, will perform with help from JT Lawrence (Hot Day at the Zoo) and Dave Taylor.

Headlining the show is Adeem, backed by the electro-reggae-funk group High Fidelity Sound System, with Chadinha on drums, a full horn section and percussionist Vinx sitting in. Known for fronting the hip-hop trio Glue, Adeem recently released *The Volume in the Ground*, a work inspired by his experiences as a gravedigger. The concept album includes inventive touches like 100-year-old sound samples.

The event will also include local arts and craft vendors and food stands selling burgers, hot dogs and vegetarian fare. Sleeping Monk Farm will bring alpacas and goats; Rasta lifestyle clothing company Trinity iWear has a booth, along with Strangers Helping Strangers, an area charity that collects donations for food banks and shelters. "We can't discount the tickets because they are already pretty inexpensive, but we are asking people to bring a nonperishable food

item to the show," Chadinha says.

The show will run from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. with nonstop music on two stages. There is a campground directly across the street from the festival entrance, with sites available for a minimal fee.

The Uplift Festival began almost whimsically, out of a desire to upgrade kitchen facilities and otherwise help improve a beloved venue. But in the process, the show's organizers got serious, filing to become an official nonprofit. They hope to make the event an annual affair, Chadinha says: "As we started going along, we decided not to really make it about Harlow's, but about the community and region in general, including all local vendors and businesses, and trying to run it each year."

### Uplift Music Festival

**When:** Saturday, July 14, at 11 a.m. (doors at 10 a.m.)

**Where:** Oak Park, 791 Forest Road in Greenfield

**Tickets:** \$15 at [www.upliftmusicfest.org](http://www.upliftmusicfest.org) Event is BYOB with ID, and vendors are cash only.

Bands include Adeem with High Fidelity Sound System, Ghost Dinner Band, Willie J. Laws, The Youngest Sun, Redwing Blackbird, Sheepdip, Folksoul, Great Groove Theory, All Good Feel Good Collective, Birch Benders, State of the Block and Otis and the Elevators featuring Luther "Guitar Junior" Johnson.

### Nightlife Listings Music, comedy & parties

• **DARE TO SING**, a music seminar, will be held by Rebecca Fey at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 669 Union St., Manchester, on July 12, 19 & 26, and Aug. 2 & 9. The free classes will cover breathing, vowels, dynamics, range and clarity. Reserve a spot at [rebeccafey@comcast.net](mailto:rebeccafey@comcast.net).

• **KEENE IDOL** will be held at McCue's on Emerald Street in Keene on July 13, July 20, July 27, Aug. 3 & Aug. 10. Visit [keeneonline.com/idol](http://keeneonline.com/idol).

• **DUBAPOCALYPSE** will perform at the Rochester Reggae & Rhythm Craft Brew Fest in the back gardens of The Governor's Inn, 78 Wakefield St., Rochester, on Sat., July 14. Van Gordon Martin, Rythem Inc., The Equalites, and Hot Like Fire will also perform. Tickets cost \$10 at [governorsinn.com](http://governorsinn.com).

• **NH PARROT HEAD CLUB** will meet at Jokers Bar & Bistro,

1279 S. Willow St., Manchester, on Wed., July 18, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is open to all interested Parrot Heads. Visit [nhphc.com](http://nhphc.com).

• **SPEED DATING** for ages 35-60 at Margarita's on Elm Street in Manchester on Wed., July 18, at 7 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Motivating Miles Foundation. Advanced registration is required at [8minute-dating.com](http://8minute-dating.com)

• **DOWNTOWN NASHUA MUSIC FEST** will be held on Temple Street (between Main and Court streets), with a '90s music night on Sat., July 21, and an '80s rock show on Sat., Aug. 11. Concerts start at 1 p.m. (4 p.m. for the ticketed portion of the event). Tickets cost \$5 at [dmfnashua.com](http://dmfnashua.com).

• **THE BEACH PARTY BOYS** and The Jersey Kid will perform at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester on Sat., Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 at [nhfishercats.com](http://nhfishercats.com).

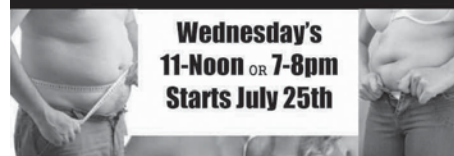
• **SONGS OF HOPE**, a concert

featuring Irish tenor Mark Forrest, will be held at the Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord, on Sat., July 21, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$18 in advance at 224-2328 (\$20 at the door).

• **BARNFUL OF BLUES FESTIVAL** will be held at the 4H Youth Center on Route 13 in New Boston on Sun., Aug. 4, from noon to 8 p.m. Arthur James and RBK Project, Bobby Radcliff, Charlie Keating Band, Contoocook Valley Blues Society, Fran Calo, Joe Moss Band, Mighty Sam McClain, and Raising Scarlet will perform. Tickets cost \$15 at [granitestateblues.org](http://granitestateblues.org) before July 31 (\$20 at the gate).

• **BALLROOM FUNDRAISER** The Lakes Region Big Band will perform at a fundraiser for a sprinkler system at Rockingham Ballroom, 22 Ash Swamp Road, Newmarket, Sat., Aug. 18, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 in advance at [fotr.org](http://fotr.org) (\$25 at the door).

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## NITE



Vaud & the Villains. Courtesy photo.

## Vaudeville for the voiceless

### 19-piece band brings New Orleans style for free show

By Angel Roy  
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When Andy Comeau and his wife, Dawn Lewis, were planning their New Boston wedding, they were seeking a reception band that specialized in songs similar to those found on Bruce Springsteen's *We Shall Overcome: The Seeger Sessions* album — songs of the working man, the forsaken and the forgotten.

Their fruitless search later served as inspiration for the couple when they moved to the West Coast, four years ago. Comeau and Lewis decided to piece together a band of their own that would focus on the musical styles they had sought for their nuptials.

"We thought, wouldn't it be fun to play in a band like that one day?" Comeau said. Soon, their Los Angeles-based 19-piece 1930s New Orleans orchestra and cabaret show, Vaud & the Villains, was born.

"We came up with this idea of a guy who leads around these musicians, all of them are flawed," Comeau said. "There's a quote by Oscar Wilde: 'Every saint has a past, every sinner has a future.' We built our show around that."

Vaud & the Villains set out for a week-long East Coast tour on July 6 to promote their new album, *Sin and Tonic: We Can't Save You, You're Already Dead*, and will take the stage for a free show at Veterans Park in Manchester on Thursday, July 12, at 7 p.m.

"We're coming home with this dream ... it's one of those things that puts all people's inhibitions down, it's so fun," Comeau said.

Each member of the Villains has a show name — among them are Baby Face, Big Daddy, Honey Child, Preacher and Peaches Mahoney — and a back story; they share their tales through monologues during performances. Comeau's character, Vaud, is very preacher-like and shares a message throughout each show that is connected with the music. Comeau has vaudeville in his blood, as his grandmother was a dancer of the era and a great uncle (named Vaud) served as a charlatan/preacher during the Great Depression.

"It's not really a narrative thread like a musical or a play, but the emotional thread is very strong ... everyone in the

audience can identify with someone on that stage, because there are 19 people on there," Comeau said. "You never see the same show twice."

Comeau described his bandmates — ages 24 to mid-50s — as a great tapestry of people who share a love for music. "I wouldn't say that everyone is a musical genius, but it doesn't matter because we all love playing music and love playing together and there is something about playing this music, this great Americana music, with people you love and trust, there is something about those three things combined that makes this incredibly infectious storm," he said. "It's undeniable."

Vaud & the Villains does not feature a single lead singer but instead allows each of its members to have a voice, Lewis said. "Everyone has a talent that we try to get out there," Lewis said. "We are such a free-form [group] that members can come and talk to us about their ideas."

Audience members can expect to see performers play old protest songs on such instruments as the hurdy gurdy, an old string instrument that produces a sound similar to that of a bagpipe, and a one-string guitar made by a band member.

The group has written a half dozen songs that they weave into their performances, songs that boast a "gospel, gritty, barroom, blues" sound, Comeau said. "It draws from that same working-man underbelly ... that's our people," he said. "The field songs are written for people that have no voice."

### Vaud & the Villains with Josh Logan and Paul Costley

**When:** Thursday, July 12, at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Veterans Park on Elm Street in Manchester

**Tickets:** free

**More info:** [intownmanchester.com](http://intownmanchester.com)

More summer shows at Veterans Park: The Manchester Community Music School Summer Community Band and MB Padfield on July 19, The 39th Army Band and The Pedestrians on July 26, The B Street Bombers and The Jandee Lee Porter Band on Aug. 2, and Mission Hill and Andrew Sterling on Aug. 16. All shows begin at 7 p.m.



# If I leave here tomorrow — RockandRollCrosswords.com by Todd Santos

## Across

1. What 'Jumping Jack Flash' is (1,3)
5. Reunion rockers might show signs of this
10. Shins 'We Built A \_\_\_ And We Floated'
14. Neil Young '\_\_\_ In The Road'
15. Model for album cover
16. 'Love Rollercoaster' \_\_\_ Players

17. Queensryche song about explaining yourself? (1,2,1)
18. Shock rocker Cooper
19. 'Stand By Me' \_\_\_ King (3,1)
20. 'Freebird' band (6,7)
23. Blink-182 'First \_\_\_'
24. 'Here Come The Warm Jets' Brian
25. Van Gogh painting in Don

- McLean's 'Vincent' (6,5)
31. It Fills festival slot
34. \_\_\_ guitar up
35. ABBA 'Voulez-\_\_\_'
36. Carole King 'So \_\_\_ Away'
37. Symphonic 70s rockers
38. Lady Gaga song about your choppers?
40. Molten B-52's song?
41. Longtime performer (abbr)
42. 'Smoking Gun' bluesman Robert
43. American Idol Clay
44. Memorable time in music
45. Might get it on the tour plane (3,8)
48. 'Live From Mars' Harper
50. 'O Brother, Where Art \_\_\_?' soundtrack
51. "Come on get higher, loosen my lips" singer (4,9)
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58. Living Colour '\_\_\_ Is Dead'
59. What one places at rocker auction (1,3)
61. 'Portrait He \_\_\_' by Kansas
62. Lonely Judas Priest song?
63. '99 Red Balloons' band
64. 'Freak On A Leash' band
65. Where roller skaters heard 80s songs
66. Tie-\_\_\_ tee shirt

## Down

1. 'Sing The Sorrow' band
2. What Brian McKnight is 'Reaching For'
3. Street team?
4. 'Nobody' Metal/reggae band
5. "Having \_\_\_, everybody's swinging" (1,5)
6. America 'Sister \_\_\_ Hair'
7. Goddess-inspired sludge band?
8. Projects from main body of guitar
9. Elton John '\_\_\_ Seal'
10. Sing/songer Hitchcock
11. 'Volatile' Metalcore band (1,4,1,4)
12. Quarterflash '\_\_\_ Another Fool'
13. Throwing Muses 'Heel \_\_\_'
21. Dixie Chicks spinoff 'Court \_\_\_ Hounds'
22. What pros play without
25. Clark of Def Leppard
26. Mogwai song about guitar helper?
27. 'Sweet Love' R&B singer (5,5)
28. Pre-Badfinger band

29. Judas Priest 'You've \_\_\_ Another Thing Comin'
30. Goes w/John Mellancamp's 'Uh'
32. Studios, at times
33. '82 experimental Neil Young album
38. '09 Sick Puppies album '\_\_\_-Polar'
39. '96 King's X album '\_\_\_ Candy'
40. "Peanuts" song '\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Lucy' (5,3)
42. Stevie Nicks 'I \_\_\_ Wait'
43. 'Freedom' singer/rapper
46. Jeff Healey '\_\_\_ I Love You Too Much' (1,5)
47. What security does to fence-hopper
49. NJ hardcore punk/rappers \_\_\_ (hyph)
51. Like old records
52. Night Ranger 'Love Is Standing \_\_\_'
53. U2 '\_\_\_ Want Is You' (3,1)
54. \_\_\_ The Radio (2,2)
55. Green Jelly '\_\_\_ The Cowgod'
56. How many inches the 'Nails' are
57. Who took The Ramones 'Baby Away'
60. Fatherly Goldfinger song?

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Main St., 382-1705  <b>Pelham</b> <b>Shooters</b> 116 Bridge St., 635-3577  <b>Peterborough</b> <b>Harlow’s Pub</b> 3 School St., 924-6365 <b>Peterborough Players Theater</b> Hadley Road  <b>Plaistow</b> <b>Corner Pocket</b> 181 Plaistow Rd., 382-3130 <b>Dugout Grille</b> 93 Main St., 819-4947 <b>The Sad Café</b> 148 Plaistow Rd,382-8893  <b>Portsmouth</b> <b>American Legion Post 6</b> 96 Islington St. <b>Blue Mermaid Island Grill</b> hill at Hanover and High streets, 427-2583 <b>Daniel Street Tavern</b> 111 Daniel St. <b>Dolphin Striker</b> 15 Bow St., 431-5222 <b>Fat Belly’s</b> 2 Bow St. 610-4337 <b>Gas Light Co.</b> 64 Market St., 431-9122 <b>The Hilton Garden Inn</b>	<b>100 High St., 431-1499</b> <b>Jitto’s Supersteak</b> 3131 Lafayette Rd, 436-9755 <b>The Music Hall</b> 104 Congress St., 433-3100 <b>Paddy’s American Grill</b> 27 International Drive, 430-9450 <b>Portsmouth Pearl</b> 45 Pearl St., 431-0148 <b>Press Room</b> 77 Daniel St,431-5186 <b>The Red Door</b> 107 State St., 373-6827 <b>Red Hook Brewery</b> 35 Corporate Dr., 430-8600 <b>Ri Ra Irish Pub</b> 22 Market Square, 319-1680 <b>Rudi’s</b> 20 High St., 430-7834 <b>Rusty Hammer</b> 49 Pleasant St., 436-9289 <b>The Wet Bar</b> 172 Hanover St.  <b>Raymond</b> <b>Famous Legends Bar &amp; Grill at Strikers East</b> 4 Essex Drive <b>Freetown Yankee Market</b> 58 Route 27, 895-3418  <b>Salem</b> <b>Black Water Grill</b> 43 Pelham Road, 328-9013 <b>Jocelyn’s Lounge</b> 355 S. Broadway, 870-0045 <b>Murray’s Tavern</b> 326 S. Broadway, 894-9100 <b>Sayde’s Restaurant</b> 136 Cluff Crossing Road, 890-1032 <b>The Varsity Club</b> 67 Main St., 898-4344  <b>Seabrook</b> <b>American Legion Post 70</b> 169 Walton Road <b>Chop Shop Pub</b> 920 Lafayette Rd, 474-6001 <b>Honey Pot Bar &amp; Lounge</b> 920 Lafayette Rd, 760-2013 <b>Master McGrath’s</b> Route 107, 474-6540 <b>Prime Time Sports Grill</b> 620 Lafayette Road, 760-7230  <b>Sunapee</b> <b>One Mile West Tavern</b> 6 Brook Road, 863-7500 <b>Sunapee Coffee House</b> Methodist Church, Route 11  <b>Wilton</b> <b>Pine Hill Auditorium</b> Pine Hill Waldorf School, 77 Pine Hill Drive  <b>Windham</b> <b>Jonathon’s Lounge</b> Park Place Lanes, Route 28, 800-892-0568
<b>Thursday, July 12</b> <b>Ashland</b> <b>Common Man:</b> open mike w/ Jim McHugh  <b>Candia</b> <b>Henderson’s:</b> acoustic open mike  <b>Concord</b> <b>Hermanos:</b> Mike Stock-bridge <b>Makris:</b> DJ <b>Penuches:</b> Donkilo Afro Funk Orkestra <b>Tandy’s:</b> DJ  <b>Dover</b> <b>Barley Pub:</b> bluegrass jam w/ Steve Roy <b>Brick House:</b> Poor Howard	<b>Kelley’s Row:</b> DJ Evaredy <b>RJ’s:</b> DJ J-Smooth <b>Station House:</b> open mike w/ Dave Nappy Band  <b>Gilford</b> <b>Patrick’s:</b> Sev  <b>Hampstead</b> <b>Pasta Loft:</b> Chris & Matt <b>Route 111 Village Square:</b> DJ  <b>Laconia</b> <b>Naswa:</b> Endangered Species  <b>Londonderry</b> <b>Whippersnappers:</b> Matt Stubbs & Sax Gordon <b>Manchester</b>	<b>British Beer Co.:</b> George Belli & the Retroactivists <b>Club 313:</b> DJ <b>The Derryfield:</b> Nate & Dimitri <b>Element:</b> DJ Jason <b>Jokers:</b> Aaron Denny <b>L&amp;M Grand:</b> DJ Coolz <b>Raxx:</b> DJ Mike <b>Shakeen:</b> Lenny Lashley and Port City Arson <b>Strange Brew:</b> Tom Bal-lerini <b>TJ’s:</b> DJ K Swiss <b>Wild Rover:</b> blues jam w/ Wan-Tu Blues Band  <b>Merrimack</b> <b>The Homestead:</b> Tony Santesse	<b>Milford</b> <b>Chapanga’s:</b> open mike w/ Driven <b>J’s Tavern:</b> Kim Riley <b>Pasta Loft:</b> Rich Fauteux  <b>Nashua</b> <b>Amber Room:</b> DJ <b>Amsterdam:</b> DJ <b>Fody’s:</b> Josh Logan Band <b>Studio 99:</b> piano karaoke <b>Wicked Twisted:</b> Just Saying  <b>Newmarket</b> <b>Stone Church:</b> DJ Sky-line, DJ Lushus Brown  <b>Newton</b> <b>Hen House Sports Bar &amp; Grill:</b> acoustic open	<b>mike w/ John Porazinski</b>  <b>Peterborough</b> <b>Harlow’s Pub:</b> bluegrass jam w/ JT  <b>Portsmouth</b> <b>Gas Light:</b> T.M.F.I. <b>Press Room:</b> Powermon-eycake <b>Red Door:</b> Local Heroes w/ Reverend Thunderhorse and the Elite Elitists <b>Rudi’s:</b> Eric Klaxton  <b>Salem</b> <b>Murray’s:</b> blues jam w/ Steve Devine	<b>The Lodge:</b> Tom Dixon Band  <b>Concord</b> <b>Purple Pit:</b> Richard Gardzina Quartet, Chris-tine Fawson <b>Tandy’s:</b> DJ <b>Makris:</b> Natalie Turgeon Band  <b>Deerfield</b> <b>Lazy Lion:</b> Dwight Phetteplace  <b>Dover</b> <b>Brick House:</b> Ape and Undu, Nobody Cares, Rayel, Watkinsonics <b>Kelley’s Row:</b> Brian Johnson Duo	<b>RJ’s:</b> DJ Big Pez <b>Spaghetti Stain:</b> Lex & Joe  <b>Epping</b> <b>Holy Grail:</b> Tim Cannon  <b>Gilford</b> <b>Patrick’s:</b> Jim Hollis  <b>Hampstead</b> <b>Pasta Loft:</b> Morning Wood  <b>Hampton</b> <b>Ashworth by the Sea:</b> DJ Steve  <b>Laconia</b> <b>Naswa:</b> Bob Pratte Band <b>Paradise Beach Club:</b> The Bars	<b>Londonderry</b> <b>Coach Stop:</b> Charlie Christos <b>Whippersnappers:</b> Spi-ral Circus  <b>Manchester</b> <b>British Beer Co.:</b> Cuzin’ Eddy <b>Club 313:</b> DJ Bob <b>The Derryfield:</b> Last Kid Picked, Social Groove Duo <b>The Farm:</b> DJ Matty K <b>Fratello’s:</b> Sev <b>Jam Factory:</b> Sylas Amsden McRae, Kevin Kelley, Vintage Gold Muse, Barbara Sloboda <b>Jokers:</b> MB Padfield <b>Raxx:</b> DJ Mike



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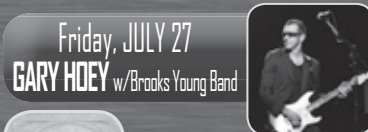
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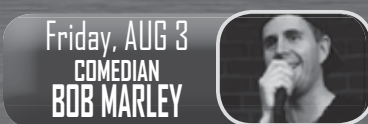
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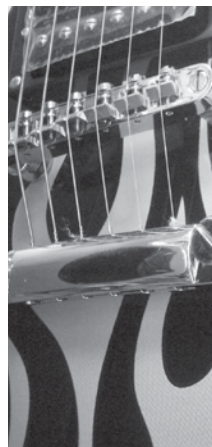
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## On the scene



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Does your bar/restaurant/coffeeshop frequently host musical performances? Send the information to [music@hippopress.com](mailto:music@hippopress.com) along with your address and phone number so we can get you into the Music This Week. And if *you* regularly update your website or MySpace page, you can send us those links as well. Get the information in by noon on Monday to make the coming Thursday's paper.

### ... and if you are a music fan...

If you're out on the scene and see a show at a location not regularly listed in the Music This Week, let us know at [music@hippopress.com](mailto:music@hippopress.com). Our goal is to give you the most complete live music listings in the region each and every week.

**Shaskeen:** Joshua Tree  
**Strange Brew:** Jimmy East & the Soldiers of Soul  
**TJ's:** DJ Scuba

**Meredith**  
**Giuseppe's:** Michael Bourgeois, DJ

**Merrimack**  
**The Homestead:** Marc Apostolides

**Milford**  
**Clark's:** Adam Payne  
**J's Tavern:** Alan Goodrich & the Acoustic Alligators  
**Pasta Loft:** Sum x 4

**Nashua**  
**Amber Room:** DJ Lou, DJ Danjah  
**Amsterdam:** DJ Fody's: The Malcolm Experience  
**Martha's Exchange:** DJ Spivak  
**Peddlers:** Nimbus 9  
**Studio 99:** Eugene Uman Trio  
**Wicked Twisted:** Knurd Squad

**Plaistow**  
**The Dugout:** DJ Boo  
**Sad Cafe:** Safer By The Shore, Three-Sided Circle, Crash Down, Death by Bill, Father and Son

**Portsmouth**  
**Blue Mermaid:** Arty Raines  
**Gas Light:** Pat Foley Band, Brooks Hubbard, Jimmy D, DJ Koko P  
**Hilton Garden Inn:** Paul Harkins  
**The Page:** DJ  
**Press Room:** Hobo's Tattoo Congress Street Party  
**Red Door:** Bcap, Face of Fate & Obermiller  
**Rudi's:** Jarrod Steer

**Salem**  
**Chop Shop:** Groove Alliance  
**Jocelyn's:** DJ

**Seabrook**  
**Honey Pot:** DJ

## In the spotlight

### Just one Smither



Chris Smither will celebrate the release of his 12th studio album, *Hundred Dollar Valentine*, with a performance at Tupelo Music Hall, 2 Young Road, Londonderry, on Friday, July 20, at 8 p.m. Smither, a singer-songwriter, draws influences from the blues, American folk music and modern poems. The music career of the New Orleans native took flight in Boston in the mid-'60s and he has since written songs for such musicians as Bonnie Raitt, who also appeared on one of Smither's albums and later asked him to join her on tour. Tickets cost \$25 at [tupelohall-londonderry.com](http://tupelohall-londonderry.com) or by calling 437-5100.

**Saturday, July 14**  
**Belmont**  
**The Lodge:** Boys of Rockingham

**Concord**  
**Hermanos:** Matt Poirier  
**Makris:** DJ Sean  
**Purple Pit:** The Sandi Bedrosian Group  
**Tandy's:** DJ

**Dover**  
**Brick House:** Genuine Rust, Rob Benton, Taxi Driver, The Old Edison, The Uprisers  
**Kelley's Row:** Chafed  
**Spaghetti Stain:** Dave Lockwood & Mike Dunbar

**Epping**  
**Holy Grail:** Scott Barnett Band

**Epsom**  
**Circle 9 Ranch:** Karen Morgan & Pony Express

**Exeter**  
**Shooters:** DJ Bigg Z

**Gilford**  
**Patrick's:** The Sundogs

**Hampton**  
**Wally's:** 10 Years

**Hudson**  
**JD Chasers:** Max Voltage

**Laconia**  
**Broken Spoke:** Pheonix

**Margate:** Vin Man  
**Naswa:** Tore Down House  
**Paradise Beach Club:** Wild Side  
**Tower Hill Tavern:** The Tweed Brothers

**Londonderry**  
**Coach Stop:** Mary Beth Maes  
**Whippersnappers:** SOSB

**Manchester**  
**British Beer Co.:** Crunchy Monkey  
**City Sports Grille:** DJ  
**Club 313:** DJ Bob  
**The Derryfield:** Chad LaMarsh Band, Dave Clark Duo  
**Element:** DJ Flex  
**Fratello's:** Tim Gurshin  
**Jam Factory:** A Casual Encounter, The Funk Syndrome, Megafauna  
**Jokers:** Alli Beaudry  
**Raxx:** DJ Mike  
**Shaskeen:** Irish sessions w/ Roger Burrige, Brooks Young Band  
**Strange Brew:** Rhythm Method  
**TJ's:** DJ Scuba

**Meredith**  
**Giuseppe's:** Putnam Pirozzoli, Exit 21

**Merrimack**  
**The Homestead:** Marc Apostolides

**Milford**

**Clark's:** Ryan Bossie  
**J's Tavern:** Napoleon in Rags  
**Malarkey's:** Crimes in Graceland  
**Pasta Loft:** Loose Grip

**Nashua**  
**Amber Room:** DJ  
**Fody's:** The Distractions  
**Martha's Exchange:** DJ  
**Peddlers:** Third Left  
**Studio 99:** Ben Geyer Trio  
**Wicked Twisted:** Dawg House

**Portsmouth**  
**Blue Mermaid:** Buffalo Plaid  
**Gas Light:** Scott McRae, Take 4, Jimmy D, Doug Thompson, DJ Koko P  
**Hilton Garden Inn:** Dave Gerard  
**The Page:** DJ  
**Press Room:** jazz lunch w/ Larry Garland, Dan Blakeslee  
**Red Door:** Paul Dailey, Dan Spurling  
**Rudi's:** Duke & John Hunter

**Plaistow**  
**Sad Cafe:** Escape Plan, Left Hand Blue, 21st Century Fugitives, Grace, Verging on Feedback

**Salem**  
**Jocelyn's:** DJ

**Seabrook**  
**Chop Shop:** Radio Edit



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## Sunday, July 15 Concord

**Hermanos:** Eric Chase  
**Penuche's:** open mike w/ Steve Naylor  
**Dover**  
**Brick House:** DJ Erich Kruger, Jim Dozet Trio  
**RJ's:** DJ

**Goffstown**  
**Village Trestle:** Wan-tu Blues Band blues jam

**Hampstead**  
**Pasta Loft:** Gardner Berry

**Laconia**  
**Naswa:** Flashback

**Londonderry**  
**Whippersnappers:** Scott McCrae

**Manchester**  
**900 Degrees:** blues open mike night w/ Tom Ballerini  
**The Derryfield:** Chris Taylor & Jesse  
**Shaskeen:** sing-along w/ the Spain Brothers  
**TJ's:** Selecta 603 Sessions

**Meredith**  
**Giuseppe's:** open mike w/ Lou Porrazzo

**Nashua**  
**Fody's:** DJ Fizzgig and Jay Danger

**Newmarket**  
**Stone Church:** open mike w/ Dave Ogden

**Plaistow**  
**Sad Cafe:** Bandwagon Inferno, Willie DiNardo and the Corporates, Even More Legroom, Cam Cummings, Alabama and the Boys

**Portsmouth**

**Blue Mermaid:** open mike  
**Gas Light:** Jimmy D, Jim Devlin Band, open mike  
**Press Room:** Steve Kirby  
**Red Door:** Green Lion Crew  
**Rudi's:** jazz brunch w/ Bryan Killough

**Monday, July 16  
Candia**  
**Henderson's Pickin'**  
**Parlor:** electric rock open mike

**Concord**  
**The Barley House:** Smoke & the Neon Light  
**Hermanos:** Eric Chase  
**Red Blazer:** open mike w/Matt Langley

**Dover**  
**Castaway's Boathouse:** Denis Patrick's Merry Pranksters' open mike  
**Orchard Street Chop Shop:** open mike w/ Dave Ogden

**Hampton**  
**La Bec Rouge:** open mike w/ Elijah Clark  
**Wally's Pub:** DJ

**Manchester**  
**The Derryfield:** Lisa Guyer  
**Fratello's:** Rob Wolfe  
**Jam Factory:** open mike  
**TJ's:** open mike w/ Scuba

**Meredith**  
**Giuseppe's:** Lou Porrazzo

**Merrimack**  
**The Homestead:** Charlie Christos

**Milford**  
**J's Tavern:** open mike w/ Sam Kiri

**Nashua**  
**Fody's:** DJ

**Portsmouth**  
**Gas Light:** Tony Santesse  
**Press Room:** Ray DeMarco Combo  
**Red Door:** The Milkman's Union, Tallahassee

**Tuesday, July 17  
Concord**  
**Barley House:** Irish sessions  
**Hermanos:** Dan Walker  
**Tandy's:** open mike w/ Calvin McFarlin

**Dover**  
**Brick House:** acoustic open mike w/ Anthony Vito Fiandaca  
**RJ's:** DJ

**Goffstown**  
**Village Trestle:** Scot Gibbs and the Usual Suspects

**Hampstead**  
**Pasta Loft:** acoustic open mike w/ Mike Belkas

**Londonderry**  
**Whippersnappers:** video DJ

**Manchester**  
**The Derryfield:** Chris Lester  
**Fratello's:** Kim Riley  
**Raxx:** DJ Mike  
**Shaskeen:** Tom Den-niston Duo  
**Strange Brew:** Peter Parcek  
**TJ's:** DJ Aubut  
**Wild Rover:** open mike w/Josh Logan, Nate Comp and Paul Costley

**Meredith**  
**Giuseppe's:** Michael Bourgeois

**Merrimack**

**The Homestead:** Tim Gurshin

**Nashua**  
**Fody's:** DJ Mark Allen

**Newmarket**  
**Stone Church:** blue-grass jam w/ Dave Talmage

**Plaistow**  
**Sad Cafe:** Tricia Font-neau, Michael Collins

**Portsmouth**  
**Gas Light:** Paul Warnick  
**Press Room:** jazz jam w/ Larry Garland, open mike w/ Jerry Tillett

**Seabrook**  
**Honey Pot:** open mike

**Wednesday, July 18  
Antrim**  
**Redneck's:** open mike w/ the Boogiemen

**Auburn**  
**Holiday's:** DJ Captain Chris

**Boscawen**  
**Alan's:** open mike

**Concord**  
**Hermanos:** Rob Wolfe  
**Tandy's:** DJ

**Dover**  
**Fury's:** open mike w/ Paul Chase  
**Three Chimney's Inn:** open mike

**Epping**  
**Holy Grail:** Chris O'Neil

**Gilford**  
**Patrick's:** DJ Sean O'Brien

**Hampton**  
**La Bec Rouge:** DJ Kelly Elliott  
**Wally's Pub:** DJ

# CONCERTS

**Venues**  
**Capitol Center for the Performing Arts** 44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com  
**The Colonial Theatre** 95 Main St., Keene, 352-2033, thecolonial.org  
**Dana Humanities Center at Saint Anselm College** 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, 641-7700, anselm.edu/dana  
**The Flying Monkey** 39 S. Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com  
**Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom** 169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton Beach, 929-4100, casinoballroom.com  
**Leddy Center** 38c Ladd's Lane, Epping, 679-2781, leddycenter.org

**Lowell Boarding House Park** 40 French St., Lowell, Mass., www.lowellsummermusic.org  
**Lowell Memorial Auditorium** East Merrimack Street, Lowell, Mass., 978-454-2299, lowellauditorium.com  
**Meadowbrook U.S. Cellular Pavilion** 72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, 293-4700, meadowbrook.net  
**The Middle Arts & Entertainment Center** 316 Central St., Franklin, 934-1901, themiddlenh.org  
**The Music Hall** 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusic-hall.org  
**The Old Meeting House**, 1 New Boston Rd., Francestown  
**Palace Theatre**, 80 Hanover St.,

Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org  
**Prescott Park Arts Festival** 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, www.prescottpark.org, 436.2848  
**Rochester Opera House** 31 Wakefield St., Rochester, 335-1992, rochesteroperahouse.com  
**Stockbridge Theatre** Pinkerton Academy, Route 28, Derry, 437-5210, stockbridgetheatre.com  
**Tupelo Music Hall** 2 Young Road, Londonderry, 437-5100, tupelohall.com  
**Verizon Wireless Arena** 555 Elm St., Manchester, 644-5000, www.verizonwirelessarena.com  
**Whittmore Center Arena**, UNH 128 Main St., Durham, 862-4000, www.whittcenter.com

• **Tab Benoit** Thurs., July 12, at 8 p.m., Tupelo  
• **America** Fri., July 13, at 7:30 p.m., Lowell Boarding House Park  
• **Teddy Geiger** Fri., July 13, at 8 p.m., Tupelo  
• **Swift River Jazz Band** Fri., July 13, at 2 and 7 p.m., Franklin

Opera House  
• **The Wailers** Fri., July 13, at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom  
• **Shawn Colvin** Fri., July 13, at 7 p.m., Prescott Park  
• **The Tubes** Sat., July 14, at 8 p.m., Tupelo  
• **John Mayall & the Blues-breakers** Sat., July 14, at 7:30

p.m., Lowell Boarding House Park  
• **The Tubes** Sat., July 15, at 8 p.m., Tupelo  
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## In the spotlight



### Reggae, dub, beer

Dub Apocalypse headlines the first annual Rochester Reggae & Rhythm Craft Brew Fest at The Governor's Inn, 78 Wakefield St., Rochester, 332-0107, [governorsinn.com](http://governorsinn.com), Saturday, July 14, noon to 10 p.m. The fest starts Thursday, July 12, with acoustic guitarist Jennie Backstrom, 6 to 9 p.m. Mandolin player Cecil Abels will play at the fest Friday, July 13, from 7 to 10 p.m. Van Gordon Martin, Rythym Inc., The Equalites, and Hot Like Fire will perform with Dub Apocalypse on Saturday. The festival will have craft beer, barbecue, and artisan vendor booths. Tickets cost \$10 at [governorsinn.com](http://governorsinn.com) and at the door.

**Laconia**  
**Blackstone's:** John Abercrombie  
**Naswa:** Paul Warnick

**Fratello's:** MB Padfield  
**Jokers:** Brooks Hubbard  
**Strange Brew:** Lisa Marie  
**TJ's:** DJ Jonny Friday

**Merrimack**  
**The Homestead:** Alli Beaudry

**Manchester**  
**The Derryfield:** Matt Langley

**Meredith**  
**Giuseppe's:** Tim Theriault

**Milford**  
**Clark's:** open mike w/ Charlie Christos  
**Pasta Loft:** Bob Alwarden

**Nashua**  
**603 Lounge:** open mike w/ Kevin Horan  
**Off the Wall Lounge:** open mike  
**Peddlers Daughter:** Revels Glen  
**Sausage King:** open mike w/ John Borlaug

**Newmarket**  
**Stone Church:** Celtic jam

**Portsmouth**  
**Blue Mermaid:** open mike w/ Tom Brown and Joe Harding  
**Gas Light:** Josh Logan & Paul Costley  
**Press Room:** Dave Gerard  
**Red Door:** Red on Red w/ Evaredy  
**Rudi's:** Dimitri

**Salem**  
**Coffee Coffee:** open mike  
**Murray's:** acoustic open mike

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**Saturday, July 14**  
**Hampton**  
**Casino Ballroom:** Bill Burr

**Monday, July 16**  
**Concord**  
**Penuche's:** live standup

**Wednesday, July 18**  
**Manchester**  
**Shaskeen:** open mike

**Friday, July 20**  
**Portsmouth**  
**Music Hall:** Nick Lavalley & Super Secret Project

**Manchester**  
**Headliners:** Rob Steen

**Tuesday, July 17**  
**Manchester**  
**Murphy's:** live standup

**Nashua**  
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- Across
- 1 “Unbelievable” band of 1991

4 Wallflowers lead singer Dylan

9 Like much medicine

13 DiCaprio, to fans

14 Puget Sound city

15 Stupor

16 Writing assignment that, through complete luck, got an A?

18 Vowels that look like an H

19 Did away with Homer’s neighbor for good?

21 He was joined on stage by a Tupac hologram in 2012

23 \_\_\_ out a living

24 Item rolled by gaming geeks

25 Axton of “Gremlins”

26 Exhale like a dog

29 “Bionic \_\_\_” (2007 NBC remake)

31 \_\_\_ -Tzu (Chinese philosopher)

32 Song played on a sitar

33 Detergent brand

34 Band of John Wayne-loving computer programmers?

39 Come up short

40 It’s good to hear after a spill

41 Freddy’s

43 Big bone

46 \_\_\_ -rock

47 Popeye’s kid \_\_\_ ’Pea

48 That, in Spanish

49 “Call Me Maybe” singer Carly \_\_\_ Jepsen

51 Stair part

52 Completely fooled one of the Beverly Hillbillies?

57 Color of un zafiro

58 Bumper sticker slogan for Stooges fans?

61 \_\_\_ and void

62 Fixed sock holes

63 56, in old Rome

64 “\_\_\_ does that star-spangled banner...”

65 \_\_\_ -Hawley Tariff

66 Have some havarti

20 City where Whitney Houston’s funeral was held

21 Rival of UPS and FedEx

22 Word before hog or rage

26 Rate

27 In the past

28 Lowest point

30 \_\_\_ -Wan Kenobi

32 Wanted poster word

33 Leaping creature

35 Pond fish

36 Punk offshoot

37 Song from “Licensed to Ill,” with “The”

38 Show whose fans are named by adding “ks” to the title

42 Debussy’s “La \_\_\_”

43 Selena’s music genre

44 Rodeos and Troopers, e.g.

45 Actor Scott of “Quantum Leap”

46 Train in a 1974 movie title, or its 2009 remake

47 \_\_\_ Spin (classic toy)

50 Heartburn causes, maybe

51 No longer working: abbr.

53 Pocoyo’s pachyderm friend

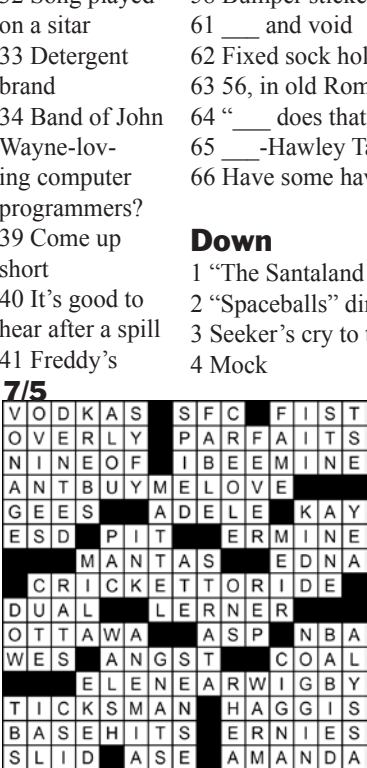
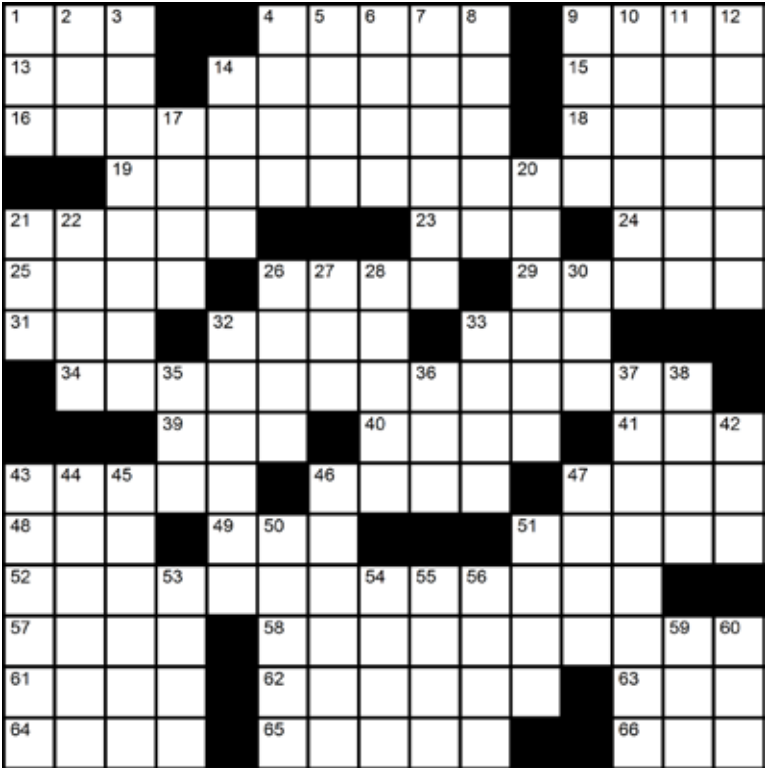
54 Prefix before space

55 Fighting word that means “hand,” not “person”

56 \_\_\_ -à-porter

59 Jefferson founded it

60 Model maker’s need



- Down
- 1 “The Santaland Diaries” occupation

2 “Spaceballs” director Brooks

3 Seeker’s cry to the hider

4 Mock

5 Mil. school

6 Head of Germany?

7 Folded breakfast dish

8 Former Israeli prime minister

9 Took way too much

10 Warning on video games with lots of gore

11 Hank who voices Chief Wiggum

12 Take down a notch

14 Precocious kid

17 MTV mainstay Loder

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**Cancer (June 21 – July 22)** *My dad wanted to do the Freedom Trail, a walking tour of historical sites in Boston that’s supposed to be a fun, easy way to learn New England history. But we kept losing the trail. We wandered through Boston with Dad saying, ‘Where’s the goddamn Freedom Trail?’ Bring bread crumbs.*

**Leo (July 23 – Aug 22)** *Speaking of my scrapbook, I dug it out recently and was delighted to find it was a proud monument to absolute mediocrity. Welcome to the mediocracy.*

**Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)** *She would reluctantly support me in the years ahead, but she still wanted me to have a backup plan, which usually involved learning to type. Have a backup plan.*

**Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)** *My name appeared in the school newspaper; The Bagpipe, along with those of the rest of the cast, and by all appearances, I was on my way. But when we started rehearsals, I found myself paralyzed with fear—the fear of blowing it. So ... I quit the play and joined the tennis team instead. It’s your serve.*

**Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)** *I just wanted to believe that someone, somewhere, understood me. And since Grandpa wasn’t an option, I went for the next best person: Mary Tyler Moore. Go where you feel understood.*

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)** *The more comfortable I got and the more empowered I began to feel, the more I tried to force my genius on others. ... I never hesitated to tell everyone exactly what they were doing wrong, in the most condescending tones possible. Zip it.*

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan 19)** *Skirts, plaid, and cowboy boots were a hot look in this circle. I was not much of a skirt wearer, so my interpretation of this look was long underwear bottoms that I wore under flannel boxer shorts, plus the boots. This would have been an excellent choice if my goal had been to look like a homeless cowhand. Your wardrobe may need revamping.*

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)** *Mom is half-Swedish and half-Irish, but the Swedish tends to win out. She can get sentimental, but for the most part, she’s strong and independent and doesn’t suffer fools, show-offs, or braggarts, and of course I’m nothing if not a foolish bragging show-off. Somehow, she manages to love me anyway. Find the good in someone.*

**Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)** *I’ve never found kids very interesting; I’m a dog person. But this kid was charming and she was ironic. Give everyone a chance.*

**Aries (March 21 – April 19)** *Way out of my element, I made social gaffes at every turn. ... I had never eaten a taco or had Greek food. I had never had a bagel, much less a Jewish friend. Start slow. Have a bagel.*

**Taurus (April 20 – May 20)** *But rather than wallow, I threw myself into homeownership and became a painting junkie. I wanted the rooms in my house to be perfect in hue and tone. This was very frustrating, though, as I had absolutely no talent for choosing*

*colors. At first, my choices were much too vivid and my poor little house looked like a demented nursery school. Then I went through just about every shade of taupe available. You could benefit from some time with a decorator, but you still need to know your*

## SIGNS OF LIFE

own tastes.  
**Gemini (May 21 – June 20)** *It was truly luck that the one state school with low enough standards to admit the likes of me had one of the best undergraduate theater departments in the country. It’ll work out.*

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

8		2				7	3	
				9	7			8
6			3					5
		1		5			6	
	6		2		3		4	
	5			4		8		
5					1			6
4			9	2				
	8	7				3		2

Difficulty Level ★

7/09

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Last week's puzzle answers are below

SUDOKU

7/5

5	1	8	3	9	2	4	7	6
7	9	3	6	4	5	8	1	2
4	6	2	7	1	8	5	9	3
1	5	4	9	3	6	7	2	8
9	8	7	2	5	1	6	3	4
3	2	6	4	8	7	1	5	9
2	4	1	5	6	9	3	8	7
8	3	9	1	7	4	2	6	5
6	7	5	8	2	3	9	4	1

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## Overperforming

Japanese Scientists, Overperforming: (1) Researchers at the University of Tokyo's Graduate School of Information Science and Technology have developed goggles that can enlarge the image of a bite of food so that the eater might fool himself into thinking he has consumed more than he has (and thus, that his hunger might dissipate sooner). The software is so sophisticated, they said, that the food carrier (a fork, or the eater's hand) is not transformed and appears at normal size. In basic tests, according to a June Agence France-Presse report, a 50 percent increase in imagined cookie size reduced actual consumption by 9 percent. (2) Prolific inventor Nobuhiro Takahashi announced in May that he had created a silicone-and-foam "buttocks robot" that can clench, twitch or protrude when probed (primarily for training proctology students to deal with patient anxiety).

## Compelling Explanations

• In May, two members of the Senate Intelligence Oversight Committee requested the total number of U.S. citizens who have been legally spied upon (by phone calls, e-mail, etc.) since 2008 by the National Security Agency, but the NSA's inspector general said he was prohibited from answering. To go back through agency records, he said, would violate the privacy rights of those spied-upon U.S. citizens, which the agency cannot do without judicial warrant.

• Well-Put: Pushing for an Oklahoma state senate bill authorizing the open carrying of guns (which eventually passed), Sen. Ralph Shortey explained in a March committee hearing that it was an incident from his past that convinced him of the need to carry a gun openly. "I was in oil and gas. I was out on a lease at one time, and I got attacked by a turkey. Wait until you get attacked by a turkey. You will know the fear that a turkey can invoke in a person. And so I beat it with a club. That was all I could do. And (then) I started carrying a gun in my truck after that without a license because I didn't want to get attacked by a mountain lion."

## Ironies

• Car Karma: Jerry Patterson suffered a road-rage pummeling on June 12 at the hands of three men who beat him into unresponsiveness on the side of Interstate 5 in Los Angeles, with the incident captured on cellphone video by a passing motorist. Six days earlier, Patterson had himself been arrested for allegedly administering his own road-rage beatdown of another motorist, who suffered two black eyes.

• Generally, airbags save lives, but apparently not Ronald Smith's. According to a coroner's inquest in Darlington, England, in May, Smith's airbag deployed, but in the process was cut open on jagged glass, which forced a rush of the bag's gas and talcum powder (used as a lubricant by many manufacturers) into his lungs. Smith soon afterward developed fatal bronchial pneumonia from inhaling the substances.

## The Way the World Works

• Sentencing statutes and guidelines generally assign heavier penalties to those more culpable for criminal enterprise — but not always. Houston grandmother Elisa Castillo,

then 53, was convicted in 2009 of conspiracy to smuggle a ton of cocaine from Mexico and sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole (a penalty authorized by statute), despite substantial evidence that she was a minor figure and despite her previously clean criminal record. According to a May Houston Chronicle investigation, several higher-up drug smugglers, including those on law-enforcement's "most wanted" lists, have received much lighter prison terms than Castillo's, precisely because, being so high up, they have inside information that they can bargain with prosecutors over. Castillo, relatively insignificant, had nothing to trade.

• As the court-appointed trustee seeking as much of Ponzi-schemer Bernard Madoff's ill-gotten gains as possible to pay back his victims, Irving Picard has secured, according to a May New York Times report, \$330 million to distribute. During the same time, Picard and his associates have billed the court (in fees that run as much as \$850 per hour) \$554 million. (The Ponzi scheme "earned" around \$65 billion, but much of that consisted of the fantasy "profits" that had so impressed clients to invest with Madoff in the first place.)

## Hyper-Sensitive Litigants

• Donnell Battie was in a Wal-Mart two years ago when a teenage boy commandeered the store's public address system and, as a prank, ordered all black people to leave. The boy was arrested days later on harassment and bias intimidation charges, but Battie, who is black, claimed in May 2012 that the boy's announcement still haunts him. He filed a \$1 million lawsuit against Wal-Mart in Camden, N.J., claiming that he has required medical care due to the "severe and disabling emotional and psychological harm" of the boy's words.

• Myron Cowher, who claims he was harassed by workers as a truck driver for Carson and Roberts Site Construction and Engineering of Lafayette, N.J., filed a lawsuit in 2010 against his supervisors for making anti-Semitic comments about him -- even

though he is not Jewish. After the trial court tossed the case out, an appeals court reinstated it in April 2012, ruling that Cowher deserves the opportunity to show how he felt persecuted by the comments even though they did not apply to him.

## Update

When last we left America's most prolific litigant, Jonathan Lee Riches (in October 2010), he was serving 10 years in prison for stealing credit card numbers after achieving Guinness Book notoriety for having filed at least 3,800 fanciful lawsuits, mostly involving public figures. He was released on April 30, and apparently rehabilitation is out of the question. Within days, he had sued the Kardashians women for a variety of imagined ills including their forcing Riches to steal clothing for them from Saks Fifth Avenue and Target. Kim Kardashian was also sued for having spilled Riches' McFlurry drink on his head, and Khloe would have to answer for stealing Riches' Whopper sandwich and ramming Riches' Aston Martin car with her Volvo. Other post-release litigation initiated by Riches implicated Kanye West, Bruce Jenner, Charlie Sheen and an al-Qaeda training camp in West Virginia.

## Readers' Choice

When Cats Fly: In June, Dutch artist Bart Jansen showed off his latest creation, which was quickly an Internet sensation: He had his pet cat Orville (who had recently been run over by a car) stuffed with arms spread like an airplane (a "helicopter," Jansen said) and mounted a radio on the carcass so that he could control its flight. Jansen showed off Orville at the Kunstrai art festival in Amsterdam in June.

Thanks This Week to Thomas Goodey, Thad Leeper, Craig Cryer, and Sandy Pearlman, and to the News of the Weird Board of Editorial Advisors. And for the accomplished and joyous cynic, try News of the Weird Pro Edition, at <http://NewsoftheWeird.blogspot.com>.

## THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

**THIS WEEK: YOUR CORPORATE DEMOCRACY**  
FEATURING YOUR HOST THE INVISIBLE HAND

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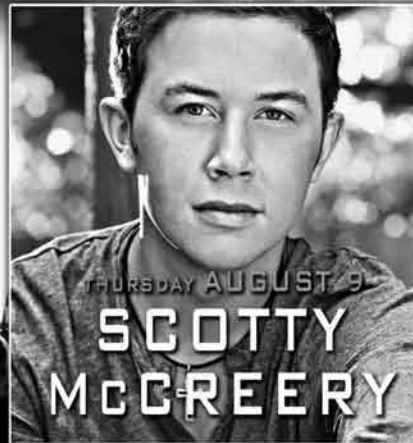
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